



State of Rhode Island
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

July 9, 2025

Ms. Shannon Sullivan
President and Chief Operating Officer

Women & Infants Hospital
101 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905

Dear Ms. Sullivan,

We are writing as elected officials to express our strong opposition to the announced layoffs at Women & Infants Hospital. The workers affected have more than 150 years of combined service and perform essential roles that support expecting mothers, newborns, and families during critical moments of care. Cutting these positions will directly undermine the quality of care that Women & Infants is known for providing.

Care New England has reported record profits for eight straight quarters and recently received a bond rating upgrade that strengthens its financial outlook. The state continues to provide significant public resources to help hospitals meet the needs of our communities. These resources should go toward stabilizing and supporting the workforce—not toward eliminating experienced staff.

There has been no clear explanation of how this care will be maintained following the layoffs, and it is unclear how these cuts will result in any meaningful cost savings. At a time when the healthcare system is already strained, eliminating positions that directly support patient care makes no sense. The impact will be felt most by mothers and babies who rely on this hospital for safe, compassionate, and timely care.

We are also concerned by what appears to be a broader effort to shift union jobs to non-union roles, which raises serious legal and ethical questions.

We urge you to rescind these layoffs and work with the union to ensure that families, newborns, and frontline healthcare workers receive the support they need. The future of maternal and infant care in our state depends on it.

Sincerely,



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