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Mr. Lafe Solomon  
Acting General Counsel  
National Labor Relations Board  
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Dear Mr. Solomon,

I write to express my concern and disappointment regarding yesterday's ruling by Judge Donald Steckroth of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey in the case *In re 710 Long Ridge Road Operating Company, II, LLC, et al.* Judge Steckroth's ruling threatens to rob hundreds of Connecticut workers of their hard-won pay and benefits, and it is essential that your office take action to prevent this from occurring.

As you know, in July of last year, nearly 600 workers at five nursing home facilities in Connecticut operated by HealthBridge Management, LLC went on strike in protest of new terms and conditions that were deemed to be illegally imposed on them. HealthBridge manages these facilities on behalf of a number of companies. These companies, which filed for bankruptcy jointly in New Jersey in the above-mentioned case, all share a corporate relationship with HealthBridge.

This past December, after your office sought an injunction against HealthBridge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, Judge Robert Chatigny issued such an injunction ordering HealthBridge to allow the workers to return under the terms of their old contract. Although HealthBridge sought an emergency stay of this injunction, appealing all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, their request was ultimately denied and the injunction stood.

Only days ago, I stood with HealthBridge workers in Milford to celebrate their victory in their long-running fight for fair pay and benefits. The workers were overjoyed, as was I, that they would now be back on the job and fairly compensated for their work. This is why I was dismayed to learn that the Bankruptcy Court's ruling could force these workers to go at least six more weeks without the pay and benefits they are owed.

I urge you to take appropriate legal action to ensure that these workers receive the pay and benefits that the District Court determined they are owed. This matter has dragged on for far too

long, and these workers cannot afford six more weeks of inadequate pay and benefits. The District Court issued an injunction for a reason: this is a matter of urgency for these workers and their families. The employers should continue to fully comply with the District Court's injunction and your office should ensure that the injunction continues to be fully enforced.

Please provide me as soon as possible an indication of how your office intends to proceed in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R".

Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senate