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## **Statement from NUHW President Sal Rosselli in Support of Rep. Nancy Pelosi for Speaker of the House**

The National Union of Healthcare Workers stands in full support of electing Rep. Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

We have seen firsthand Rep. Pelosi's commitment to working people. In the midst of a five-week strike of Sutter Health's California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, Rep. Pelosi stepped in to mediate contract talks on behalf of NUHW members.

Rep. Pelosi has made worker empowerment a central principle of her work in Congress. As Speaker, she stood with workers in support of the Employee Free Choice Act when it was introduced in 2009, declaring, "Our work in Congress is based on two truths: America's economy is only as strong as America's middle class; America's middle class is only as strong as America's unions."

She also championed President Obama's Affordable Care Act, working diligently to ensure that individuals with pre-existing conditions would finally have access to life-saving health care coverage. She supported having a public health insurance option as part of the Affordable Care Act, and this year announced that "Medicare For All" proposals should be evaluated in a Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.

"I've known Nancy for many years. She has always been a strong ally and effective leader on behalf of NUHW members, and I look forward to working with her when she resumes her role as Speaker of the House."