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Dear member,

JANE HOPKINS  
Executive Vice President

While you know me as the Executive Vice President of your union, you may not know that I used to work as a nurse in your community at Snoqualmie Valley Hospital. While I spent most of my nursing career at Harborview Medical Center, like anyone who has worked in a rural healthcare setting I know that an exhausted healthcare worker in a rural community is just as unsafe and ready to burn out as one at a Level 1 trauma hospital.

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**We were all horrified last year when State Senator Maureen Walsh claimed that nurses at smaller and rural hospitals don't need breaks or overtime protections and spend their time "playing cards" because they hardly have any work to do. Now, after 16 years in office, Senator Walsh is not running for reelection—having learned that attacking dedicated healthcare workers is inappropriate and unpopular.**

**SERVICE EMPLOYEES  
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**Your State Senator, Mark Mullet, voted with Senator Walsh to exclude workers and patients at our Snoqualmie Valley Hospital from workplace safety protections.**

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My former colleagues at that hospital and I know well that breaks and overtime protections are as necessary at Snoqualmie Valley as they are at Harborview, or at any other hospital—and *any* workplace, for *every* worker.

Our union endorsed Senator Mullet in the past, but he has shown ever since then that he is opposed to our values. Senator Mullet has voted

- **Against** long-term care insurance that would help provide seniors and people with disabilities with the care they need as they age; against gender pay transparency;
- **Against** fixing our childcare system; and
- **Against** educators' pay, healthcare, and collective bargaining rights.

From climate action and removing toxic pollutants from household products, to racial justice, to funding our safety net for families and making the wealthy and big corporations pay taxes just like the rest of us, **Senator Mullet has voted against working families and for the wealthy.**

**But there is good news. Ingrid Anderson, an RN at Overlake Hospital who has fought alongside us in Olympia to protect patients, is also running for this seat.** Ingrid is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, worked in the Emergency Department, and is nearly finished with her ARNP degree. She is a mom who volunteers in the community and who sponsors scholarships for at-risk kids in the community.

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**We have the chance to stand up and fight back against Senator Mullet's anti-worker policies by electing Ingrid Anderson to the Washington State Senate.**

Our employers and other big corporations are trying hard to keep Ingrid from winning. **The same hospitals that are furloughing workers and refusing paid administrative leave and PPE so we can stay safe from COVID-19 have contributed money to a Super PAC opposing Ingrid.** The Washington State Hospital Association, made up of our employers, is spending thousands of dollars in support of Senator Mullet alongside insurers, oil companies, bankers, landlords, Walmart, the Koch Brothers and other big business special interests.

Our employers and these other corporate interests are running an ad to oppose Ingrid that misrepresents facts. **It also insults Ingrid and all healthcare workers by claiming she is running to “make a point, not a difference.”**

**I am simply outraged they would talk about any healthcare worker like that, given the sacrifices we make.** That they would do so in the midst of this pandemic while we put our lives and our families at risk every single day tells you exactly what hospitals, insurers, and big business think of us.

They do not care about us or our families. They insult us while we reuse the same PPE shift after shift and try to just get home safe. *These insults are unacceptable.* Mark Mullet has shown that he cares about our bosses and big businesses more than our safety or our rights in the workplace. When we say an injury to one is an injury to all, we mean it—**they are trying to injure Ingrid to injure all of us.**

We also have another saying: **When we fight, we win.** One election alone cannot solve every problem, but every election matters and this one is about you, your family, and your patients. *We know electing Ingrid matters because they are fighting so hard to stop her.* **I'm asking you to keep making a difference by voting by August 4.**

In solidarity,



Jane Hopkins, RN  
Executive Vice President