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WHO WE ARE

We are healthcare workers who take care of you, your loved ones, friends and neighbors in Western New York. We are members of 1199SEIU, the largest union of healthcare workers in the country, and we use our collective voices to stand up for **quality patient care.**

WE ARE CONCERNED

In 2016, news headlines blasted out the tragic death of a resident at Emerald South Nursing Home, pointing to a connection to short staffing at the facility. Despite our pleas in the following years to nursing home owners and the agencies that regulate them, it seems nothing has changed.

Two years later, just weeks ago, there was another catastrophe at Emerald South, which resulted in the death of another resident.

A CALL TO ACTION

It's time to protect the most frail and vulnerable Western New Yorkers. For-profit nursing home operators, who are often absentee owners expanding their downstate based money-making businesses to upstate regions, are making millions of dollars on the backs of nursing home residents, their families and caregivers. Meanwhile, many of the facilities, including Emerald South, are poorly staffed. They also don't supply the resources that we need to provide quality care.

We're doing our best to provide quality care under these challenging circumstances. But it's time for the nursing home owners, management teams and state regulators at the Department of Health to take responsibility and repair the situation.

The more we shine the light on the business practices of the owners who put profits before quality care, the sooner they can be held accountable for their actions, and the situation can be remedied. In the meantime, we must continue to keep on the pressure and make our voices heard. *Join the fight* to improve quality care, upgrade working conditions and raise standards at Western New York nursing homes.