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Sonia Mehta, MD MBA  
Corporate Chief Medical Officer | Prime Healthcare  
Region II Chief Executive Officer | Chief Academic Officer

Dear Dr. Mehta,

We are reaching out to you today to express our deep concern about the reports we received during a recent meeting with nurses from Lower Bucks Hospital located in Bristol, Pennsylvania. The nurses offered up multiple examples of a critical lack of nurses and ancillary staff on the floors--a situation the nurses themselves deem so dire that it could result in serious negative patient outcomes if it is not addressed.

The tool available to any hospital in the midst of a staffing crisis is supplementation of the nursing staff with travel nurses. We have been told that Lower Bucks Hospital is not using that tool to the extent that it can and should. Nurses and potentially patient care are suffering.

Other hospitals in our area are utilizing a variety of hiring and retention incentives in order to address critical staffing issues. As far as we know, nothing of that sort has been attempted at Lower Bucks.

We strongly request that more resources be devoted to maintaining adequate staffing levels in the hospital so that the residents of Bucks County can continue to receive the best possible care.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert M. Tomlinson.

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