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**Pennsylvania's Fastest Growing Union of Frontline Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Endorses Josh Shapiro for Governor**

**Conshohocken, PA** - The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, representing more than 9,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, endorses sitting Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro for Governor in 2022.

"Two years into the pandemic, the system that's supposed to support bedside caregivers, and therefore patients, is in crisis. Our workloads have shot through the roof while our staff numbers have dwindled due to burnout and incredibly short-sighted, bottom-line decisions," says PASNAP President Maureen May, R.N., a longtime Temple University Hospital nurse. "We are all vulnerable – every Pennsylvanian – which is why we need someone in the governor's office who prioritizes excellence in patient care *and* the health and safety of frontline caregivers. You cannot separate those things. They go hand in hand, and Josh understands that."

"He has listened to our stories from the halls of our hospitals. He has heard our pleas for PPE, our fears for our patients as bedside staffing has plummeted, and our rising alarm as incidents of workplace violence have skyrocketed in healthcare facilities. He has heard and understands our need to work with those at the highest level to improve conditions at the bedside for all patients and all frontline healthcare professionals in Pennsylvania.

"For these reasons," says May, "for our professions and for our patients, PASNAP proudly endorses Attorney General Josh Shapiro for Governor."



In 2016, PASNAP endorsed Shapiro, who was then serving as Montgomery County Commissioner, in his inaugural race for PA Attorney General. PASNAP again endorsed Shapiro when he ran for reelection in 2020. And this year, due to his passionate commitment to our frontline healthcare workers and to Pennsylvanians in every walk of life, to safe staffing, and to addressing and preventing violence in the workplace, PASNAP is endorsing him state-wide for a third time--in his bid to become the Governor of Pennsylvania in 2022.

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**In August 2021, the AG met with PASNAP leaders. From left: Peggy Malone, R.N., Crozer-Chester Nurses Association; Suzanne Valentino, R.N., Mercy Fitzgerald Nurses Association; Mary Adamson, R.N., Temple University Hospital Nurses Association; Attorney General Josh Shapiro; PASNAP President Maureen May, R.N.; Carlos Aviles, Temple Allied Professionals; Angie Cleghorn, R.N., Jeanes Nurses United; Carla Le'coin, R.N., Einstein Nurses United; and Debbi Bozeman, R.N., St. Mary United Nurses Union. The Crozer-Chester Nurses Association, Mercy Fitzgerald Nurses Association, Temple University Hospital Nurses Association, Temple Allied Professionals, Jeanes Nurses United, Einstein Nurses United, and St. Mary United Nurses Union are all locals of PASNAP.**

