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Pennsylvania's Fastest Growing Union of Frontline Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Endorses PA Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman for U.S. Senate

Plymouth Meeting, PA - The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, representing more than 9,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across the Commonwealth, proudly endorses Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman for the U.S. Senate on November 8th.



The pandemic that severely stressed our healthcare system and thinned the ranks of caregivers across the commonwealth and the nation as a whole is still significantly impacting patient care and those who provide it. "Now more than ever, Pennsylvanians need representatives at every level of government who prioritize excellence in patient care and who are unafraid to fight for the workers on the front lines whose own health and protection is an essential component of excellent patient care," says PASNAP President Maureen May, R.N., a longtime Temple University Hospital nurse.

The one-time mayor (2006 - 2019) of struggling steel town Braddock, PA, and the current Pennsylvania Lieutenant Governor is a fighter, a longtime vocal advocate for what he calls "forgotten places" and people – those who are the victims of the inequality that persists in this country.

He has used his voice in Harrisburg to advocate strongly for economic justice and criminal justice reform, and to combat the longstanding health disparities exacerbated by the pandemic.

Unlike his opponent, he is a fierce supporter of unions and pro-union legislation, and as Lieutenant Governor has joined the picket line at numerous strikes, including one of our own, appearing with ACMH Hospital nurses on their picket line during their March 2022 strike as they fought for a new contract that prioritizes safe staffing, nurse retention, and patient care.



ACMH Nurses United Strike, Kittanning, PA

Lieutenant Governor Fetterman has long considered health care a fundamental human right, no different than food or shelter, and has pledged to fight cuts to Medicare and Medicaid and to work to ensure that every Pennsylvanian, whether they live in large cities or in rural parts of the state, has access to excellent, affordable health care.

He strongly supports paid parental leave, contractual safe staffing standards, guaranteed minimum nurse-to-patient ratios, workplace violence prevention legislation, and the expanded union protections in the PRO (Protecting the Right to Organize) Act.

“I am so grateful to receive the endorsement of PASNAP in this Senate race,” says Lieutenant Governor Fetterman. “Earlier this year, I was honored to join Armstrong County Memorial Hospital nurses on the picket line in Kittanning, PA. I’m always proud to stand on the front lines with workers who ask me to be there and to use my campaign resources to help their efforts however I can. Since the pandemic began, I’ve believed that ‘essential’ has to be more than a talking point or a feel-good word. It has to be backed up by fair contracts, respect, and affirming the union way of life. I have seen firsthand the work that

PASNAP has done across Pennsylvania, and it is an honor to stand with you in the fight for the PRO Act, universal healthcare, and other actions that put more power directly into the hands of workers.”

“For our professions and for our patients, PASNAP proudly endorses Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman for U.S. Senate,” says May. “We believe he will use his seat in the Capitol to fight for what we value most – access to excellent, affordable healthcare for all, the conditions at the bedside that make excellence in patient care possible, and respect and protection for the frontline healthcare workers who have time and again risked their own lives to care for their communities.”

The Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals was founded on the belief that patients receive the best care when clinical-care staff have a strong voice to advocate for both patients and themselves.