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Nearly 1,000 Crozer Health Nurses, Techs, Medical Professionals, and Paramedics Represented By PASNAP Applaud the PA Governor's Office and Attorney General's Office For Their Decisive Action on Behalf of Our Delaware County Patient Community

CAREGIVERS SAY: Prospect Has Devastated Critical Care in Delaware County Since It Bought Crozer Health Eight Years Ago.

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA – Just now, a judge in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas approved a receivership agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Prospect Medical Holdings, owner of the Crozer Health system, now comprised of the Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland and Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park. Prospect had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protections on January 11th.

The nearly 1,000 Crozer Health Nurses, Techs, Medical Professionals, and Paramedics represented by PASNAP welcome this decision and the action taken by the PA Governor's Office and the Attorney General's office.

We look forward to working with the receiver to both restore the Crozer Health system for the citizens of Delaware County and to protect the health system employees who have worked tirelessly, through the pandemic and after, to provide excellent care for our patients as a for-profit, out-of-state company prioritized financial returns over patient care and systematically dismantled our hospital system, piece by piece.

Since the California-based, private-equity-backed, for-profit owner of Crozer Health bought the Delaware County-based four-hospital system in 2016, it has effectively closed two of the hospitals, devastating the patient communities in both areas. In August, just two days after announcing it had entered into an agreement of sale for Crozer Health, Prospect declared it would close the Taylor Hospital OR, further cutting patient services and hospital jobs.

We are glad that Prospect is no longer in a decision-making position.

On behalf of our patients and the frontline healthcare workers in Delaware County – both within the Crozer system and those who work in nearby hospitals dangerously swamped by Prospect’s serial service cuts and hospital closures – we are grateful for the state’s intervention, and look forward to the restoration of the health system and a return to the prioritization of patients over profits once again in Delaware County.

PASNAP, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, represents 11,000+ frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across Pennsylvania – including 1,000 nurses, techs, medical professionals, pharmacists and paramedics within the Crozer Health system – and 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.