## SEPTEMBER 15 LEAGUE BARGAINING BULLETIN

## 11995EIU United Healthcare Workers East NOW IT'S TIME TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

## THIS IS ABOUT PRIORITIES!

This morning at negotiations, we picked up where we left off and strongly rejected the insulting wage proposal the League gave us on Monday. We then presented our counterproposal: 7% raise in 2021, 6.5% raise in 2022, and 6.5% raise in 2023. We made it crystal clear that we will not agree to any contract proposal that doesn't include raises for all three years.

After powerful and moving testimony from negotiating committee members who shared stories of getting hit with COVID and being sick for months, losing loved ones, the fear of bringing the virus home to their family members—all stories that healthcare heroes know too well—management returned with what they considered a "compromise." They maintained their proposal of a \$750 bonus in 2021, a 1% raise in 2022, and increased their previously proposed 1% raise in 2023 to 1.5%. A half a percentage point? Is that what they think we are worth? It was pretty hard to hear that!

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**NOTHING.** They are doing nothing but wasting our precious time, while livelihoods are at stake. **But we are not sitting back.** While our committee was bargaining, members at many League institutions held walk-ins demanding that their employers direct the League negotiators to stop stalling and to start planning Town Hall Meetings to explain to our members why we are aren't valued by their employers. And everyone is gearing up for the Mass Mobilization at Columbus Circle on September 22.

This is about priorities! We are not going to let the League balance their budgets on our backs—or on our patients' backs! We have yet to hear them talk about their concern for quality care! We know what our priorities are, and we are ready to bargain. To help the League focus, we proposed that we bargain Monday through Friday of next week. We are fired up and ready to go.

