



January 14, 2020

Governor Charles D. Baker
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

We would like to thank you for your continued and persistent efforts to protect public employees during this unprecedented time in our nation's history. We value the partnership that we have with your administration, and it is in that spirit that we write to seek your support for extending the COVID-19 emergency 10-day paid leave program.

As the winter COVID-19 surge continues, NAGE members and their families, especially those in public facing jobs, remain at great risk of contracting the virus in the performance of their job duties. On behalf of our members, we respectfully request that the Commonwealth extend the emergency 10 day paid leave that was authorized under the federal stimulus package last spring, which expired on December 31st.

Throughout this crisis, NAGE members and other public sector workers throughout the state have stepped up to answer the call and keep Massachusetts running. Employees in essential core service jobs have risked their lives, and the lives of their families, just by showing up to work each day. It seems that the public has developed a renewed appreciation for public service, first responders and essential service providers during the COVID-19 emergency and our members appreciate the support greatly.

However, as the union representing many of the workers who have kept the lights on in Massachusetts, NAGE is committed to advocating to protect them and their families. As the new administration assumes power in Washington, we will continue to advocate for an extension of the critical 10-day emergency paid leave provision. However, we hope the Commonwealth will take action to keep the program operational in the meantime.

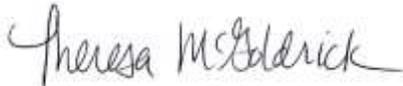
Our members have been there to support the Commonwealth and now we are asking the Commonwealth to continue supporting our members with emergency leave until we get to the other side of this crisis. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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National President

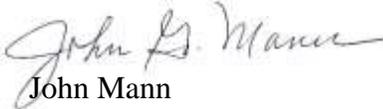




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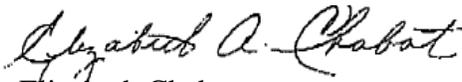
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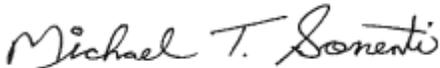
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