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Bernard Sanders
Mayor

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Mr. James Leddy, Executive Director
Howard Mental Health Services
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Dear Jim,

It has come to my attention that some problems are arising at Howard Mental Health regarding the desire of workers there to join the AFSCME union. It is clearly not within my jurisdiction to comment on whether or not workers at Howard Mental Health should join the union, but I am disturbed at reports that your organization appears to be making it as difficult as possible for a union election to be held. Clearly, American law protects the rights of workers who wish to organize into a union. I hope that Howard Mental Health will honor those rights, and not harass workers who are interested in unionization.

If my office can be of any help in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

Bernard Sanders
Mayor

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Ellen -

It is fine to use quotes for a press release

Linda