

Denise Specht
President

Paul Mueller
Vice President

Rodney Rowe
Secretary-Treasurer

June 22, 2016

VIA FACSIMILIE AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Grant T. Collins
Felhaber Larson
220 South Sixth Street, Suite 2200
Minneapolis, MN 55402
gcollins@felhaber.com
fax: (612) 338-0535

Dear Mr. Collins:

Thank you for your letter. We are happy you noticed the wide-spread support of nurses, but it is unfortunate that your efforts distract from the real work of settling a contract.

We do not believe that the purposes of Section 8(g) of the NLRA are at all impacted by our support of striking nurses at Allina. With that said, we have taken measures to ensure that Education Minnesota, as a labor organization, is not engaging in picketing activity against Allina Health's hospitals.

When we notified other unions of your efforts to stop us in standing in solidarity with our brother and sister members of the Minnesota Nurses Association, they were just as appalled as we were. Educators across the state belong to more than 400 local unions that are not subject to the NLRA. You will see more employees on their own time and more organizations not subject to the NLRA coming out to support nurses.

Education Minnesota cares deeply about this issue. This is more than just solidarity with our colleagues in organized labor. Our 86,000 members work with students during the flu season. They get sick. When they do, we want them treated by healthy nurses with easy access to quality health care themselves. The outcome of this dispute affects us all.

You can follow the participation of educators of Minnesota on our social media sites. We are sure you know where to find us.

Yours Truly,



Denise Specht
Education Minnesota President

41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103
651-227-9541 800-652-9073 Fax 651-292-4802
www.educationminnesota.org

*Education Minnesota is an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers,
the National Education Association and AFL-CIO. (AFL-CIO)*



**THE VOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL
EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS**