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Brackbill, Robert

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Subject: AGH - Amy Galuska, RN

Hello Mr. Brackbill,
I am sending you in advance, a copy of remarks I would like to say on Tuesday, April 17, at the 7pm meeting.
Thank you.

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Amy Galuska, RN at AGH

Hello. I am Amy Galuska, a registered nurse in Allegheny General's cardiac unit. I live in Hampton township now, but I grew up on the northside, my mother worked at Allegheny General, and I volunteered in the ER as a high school student. This has been the family and community hospital to me and so many other northsiders for generations. Allegheny General and the West Penn Allegheny health system doesn't just provide quality healthcare to our region, but also quality jobs in our community and a source of competition that pushes all of the area's hospitals to be the best we can. Of the 11,000 jobs in the West Penn Allegheny system, around 2,000 of us, including the registered nurses at AGH are union, which means we have a voice in our work and a voice for our patients. Nurses on our Patient Care Committee and Nurse Collaboration Council have complete input and we include all the employees in the discussion which gives patients a smoother hospital experience, which has been proven by our Press Ganey survey scores. Our patients come first before business interests, but its important for this affiliation to be completed so that we have the business resources to remain competitive. The West Penn Allegheny system is a lot like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life." You may not know how important our role in this region is until we aren't there anymore. To paraphrase George Bailey, Pittsburgh needs this "measly one-horse institution."

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