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Swiss Nurses' Association message of solidarity

Dear colleagues and fellow nurses,

The Swiss Nurses' Association, in its own name, in the name of its many members and of the nursing profession in Switzerland, wishes to express its full and empathic support of your strike in favor of better wages.

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In anticipation of the vast challenges that our societies and health systems will be facing in the near future, all efforts must be made to dramatically increase the recruitment of nurses and to keep experienced colleagues in the profession. Low wages and ever worsening working conditions send a glaringly wrong signal at the wrong time.

We appeal to your government to put the longterm interests of society in a healthy health system first, to grant the nursing profession the means it needs to fulfill its mission and ultimately, to refrain from taking the patients hostage.

We admire your courage and your resolution not to take the government's „No!“ as an answer.

For the Swiss Nurses' Association:

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