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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dr Leah Patrick and I work at the Conejo Valley clinic in Thousand Oaks as a per diem primary care physician. I don't work as many hours per week as a full-time physician, but I do provide primary care, carry a patient panel, and help the clinics with quality metrics. We do this as a team even though we only have limited employee benefits and lack the opportunity for incentives. We are in critical need of per diem physicians due to the shortage of regular primary care physicians in our system. We too face the unsustainable working conditions with too many complex patients and too little time to provide quality care. We request a reasonable salary based on industry rates, and we deserve the same Scheduling Standards as our colleagues in the regular unit. This per diem group consists not only of family practice providers but some with geriatric training and urgent care. We also have per diem general pediatrician but also others with pediatric ER training. This group only adds to the wonderful doctors of the regular unit. My statement as a private citizen does not necessarily reflect the view of the HCA or the County of Ventura Government

I ask you to strongly consider these requests in our negotiations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leah

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