



United Federation of Teachers
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Harry Nespoli, Chairperson
Municipal Labor Committee
125 Barclay Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairperson Nespoli,

The United Federation of Teachers withdraws its support for the Medicare Advantage program for New York City Medicare-eligible retirees as well as for the current healthcare negotiations for in-service and pre-Medicare retirees.

For nine years, the Municipal Labor Committee has worked to maintain high-quality, premium-free healthcare coverage for city workers while at the same time working with the city to achieve billions of dollars in savings despite the increasingly difficult national landscape.

It has become apparent that this administration is unwilling to continue this work in good faith. The city has delayed our current in-service and pre-Medicare retiree healthcare negotiations for months, and we no longer feel that it is in the interest of our members to be part of that process. This administration has proven to be more interested in cutting its costs than honestly working with us to provide high-quality healthcare to city workers.

As always, we are willing to do the hard work of fighting to maintain our benefits and keep high-quality, premium-free health care for all our members, but we need a willing partner. We will not let the city keep wasting our time, and we will demand they put workers first.

Sincerely,

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