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**To:** Bruce Gray  
**Cc:** Rogelio Riojas; eunice@unitehere8.org  
**Subject:** FW: NWRPCA Spring Conference

Dear Bruce,

Every year, Sea Mar sends staff to the NWRPCA conference to gain valuable information about the current health care environment and ideas they can implement to move our organization forward. Our leadership looks forward to this conference because of the useful informational and networking opportunities it provides.

It has come to our attention that this year's NWRPCA spring conference will be held at the Hilton Olive 8, where there has been a long running labor dispute regarding unfair treatment of hotel workers. We are dismayed by the information we have received on this matter, including difficult working conditions that lead to injury. Additionally, the hotel has hired temporary workers during this dispute, which threatens quality full time jobs.

Sea Mar has been a longtime advocate of workers' rights. We support the workers in this dispute not only because of our organization's mission and history, but also because it directly affects those we are here to serve. Those affected include immigrants dedicated to making a brighter future for themselves and their families, and this unfair treatment holds them back. As you know, Sea Mar is a union shop.

For these reasons, Sea Mar will not be participating in the spring NWRPCA conference as long as it is held at the Hilton Olive 8. NWRPCA's core values include social justice and celebrating diversity. We ask you to put your mission into action and join us in supporting worker's rights by moving the conference to another location.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions.

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