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Sisters and Brothers,

I am sure that you are all being bombarded with the changes that are going on right now. I just wanted to touch base and let you know that you are not alone. It is in these uncertain times that we need to lean on each other for support. We are AFSCME and we will get through this.

Please make sure that you are taking care of yourselves and your families. Many of us are being directed to telecommute from home. This is a new and unfamiliar experience. Make sure that you continue to take breaks and find a way to include physical activity in your day. Those of us who are forced to remain on site also need to take care of ourselves and continue to practice strict social distancing and hand hygiene.

I want to thank the Leadership of Council 5 for working quickly with Governor Walz to come up with a new Leave option. Without our strong Union this would not have happened.

Please know that if issues arise you can contact me either by email or by phone. If I cannot answer your question, I will find the person that can.

In Solidarity,

Joel Hoffman, President AFSCME Local 4001

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