

Sen. Agard: Statement on AG opinion regarding UW nurses collective bargaining rights

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MADISON – Today, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul released a formal AG opinion, at the request of Governor Evers, concerning the power of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority (UWHCA) to voluntarily engage in collective bargaining with an organization chosen by a majority of nurses it employs. The opinion concluded that UWHCA could choose to voluntarily engage in the collective bargaining process with its employees to set the terms of their employment. Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement on this opinion:

“The thorough analysis and opinion from Attorney General Kaul makes clear that the UWHCA does have the ability to engage in collective bargaining with employees. It’s time for UWHCA management to do the right thing, come to the table and bargain in good faith. After the most challenging two year period for health care workers in generations, their labor must be honored and they must have a union voice in the workplace moving forward.”