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Mayor Dan Albert
Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Monterey
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mayor Albert and Councilmembers:

I am writing to urge your public support of the Monterey Bay Travelodge workers. As someone who grew up in Monterey and is proud of our community, I am appalled at the Travelodge owner's cavalier elimination of health coverage (among other benefits) for the workers. As co-President of the two democratic clubs here on the Peninsula – the Peninsula Democratic Club and the Democratic Women's Club, the oldest Democratic club west of the Mississippi -- I am also expressing our organizations' and memberships' position on this issue.

Hospitality is a cornerstone of our economy. These hotel workers are essential to its warm character, high regard and success. They work hard for low wages and only survive in this high cost of living area by careful planning of their resources. To put them and their families at the huge economic risk that even a moderate health condition could occasion is not worthy of our community. I urge you to speak up against this extreme and disrespectful treatment of our workers.

Thank you for your consideration.



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