We would like to thank NUHW union stewards and members for providing a platform for us to get our message out to Kaiser and the country that mental health parity is needed now more than ever.

When tragedy hit our lives we knew we had to do something so that our daughter’s life and the message of hope she wanted to give to others would mean something. Even though her hope was extinguished by the callous treatment by Kaiser Permanente we will persevere in this fight for others to get the care they need.

In our dazed and confused state almost a year ago we were not sure how we would make meaning for our daughter’s life and her desires. Many avenues have opened up for us thanks to NUHW’s help in making our daughter’s struggle not go for naught.

We are cautiously optimistic that the meeting we had with Bernard Tyson and his executive team on April 25 will yield positive results for patients and clinicians alike. Our follow-up meetings will be the true indicator if they are just talking the talk or going to start walking the walk as well.

Without the assistance and support of NUHW members we would not have been able to get a seat at the table with Kaiser executives. I’m sure of that. Please let everyone know how grateful we truly are and how we cherish this partnership.

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