# **SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN**

Former law professor and consumer protection advocate

Summary of candidate's NUHW questionnaire



#### PRIORITIES AS PRESIDENT

- Make government, economy, and country work for everyone
- Strengthen America's labor unions
- Restore middle class and make it easier for all Americans to achieve economic security

### **HEALTH POLICY**

- Supports full Medicare-for-All with no private insurance operators. Program would include coverage for mental health care.
- Pledges to boost oversight of anticompetitive behavior and mergers of both for-profit and nonprofit hospitals, which often depress the wages of healthcare workers.
- Proposes scaling up apprenticeship programs to address shortfall of healthcare workers, partnering with local schools and unions.

# WORKER RIGHTS

- Strengthening labor unions will be central goal of administration.
- Introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate to ban state-level "right-to-work" laws.
- Supports card check, establishing a fast and fair union election procedure, and banning permanent replacement of economic strikers.
- Supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

# MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

- Introduced Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act, which would hold insurers accountable for providing adequate mental health benefits.
- Co-sponsored CHIP Mental Health Parity Act, ensuring low-income children and pregnant women have access to mental health/substance use disorder services.
- Led fight in 2017 to prevent cuts to the • Mental Health Block Grant, and helped secure another \$160 million for program.
- Supports spending \$100 billion over next decade to combat opioid crisis, half of which would go to train professionals treating substance use disorders.

### **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

- Supports decriminalizing migration across the U.S. border.
- Would only detain migrants who pose a flight or safety risk and would expand community-based detention alternatives.
- Supports reinstating DACA program and protections for DREAMers and their families and expand program to cover more young people, raising the refugee cap, and reversing Trump's Muslim ban.

National Union of Healthcare Workers



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