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Hon. Coleman A. Young  
Mayor of the City of Detroit  
City-County Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

We are informed that effective January 27, 1975, thirty-five Health Department Public Health Nurses will be laid off in the City Health Department.

On behalf of the Health Council of the Detroit Public Schools, I wish to express our deep concern and dismay over the loss of these valuable health workers. We know the responsibilities public nurses have for the elderly, for poor people in ill health, for abused and neglected children and adults. We know the service nurses provide to high-risk mothers and babies, and to the mentally ill. It is hard for us to imagine how the needs of all of these human beings will be met in the long months ahead.

For many years now we have had an inadequate number of public health nurses to properly care for the population of our city. In recent years, in fact, the Health Department has been forced to eliminate all routine visits to the public and the non-public schools throughout the city.

The members of the Health Council of the Detroit Public Schools urge you to work earnestly--not alone to replace the thirty-five nurses to be laid off--but to find the funds to hire the additional nurses who are so desperately needed in this city.

The Council would appreciate a response regarding this problem.

Sincerely yours,

*Alberta Martin*

(Mrs.) Alberta Martin, Chairperson  
School Health Council

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