

“St. Francis Nurses Stand Up & Fight Corporate Healthcare” Battleground Wisconsin Podcast

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MILWAUKEE - We welcome Connie Smith, president of the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals and Jaime Lucas, executive director, to discuss Ascension's profit-maximizing closure of St. Francis Hospital's Labor and Delivery unit, creating a new healthcare desert for women and their families on Milwaukee's south side. We discuss the economic forces driving Ascension's decision, and the leverage public mobilization and protest, and elected officials willing to speak out, can create to back them down. We also evaluated the effectiveness of Democrats in the recent Congressional "Lame Duck" session; Was it irresponsible to not deal with the debt limit through reconciliation and other filibuster proof progressive priorities or did Democratic leaders do the best that was possible with a bad hand? We talk about a new article Robert wrote for [Barn Raiser](#) debriefing Wisconsin's 2022 election. Robert urges us to spend less time on punditry and more on deeper conversations with voters. We look ahead to the huge opportunity the 2023 Supreme Court Election for us to talk to more voters and win.

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