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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

SB 916 would allow unemployment benefits for striking workers. It would contradict the purpose of the unemployment insurance system - to sustain employees when they lose their wages through no fault of their own. SB 916 would force thousands of small employers to subsidize labor disputes as their own payroll tax burden would increase in order to support the increased strain on the unemployment insurance fund.

In addition to giving striking workers more leverage in contract negotiations, it may also have the impact of creating more demand and cost on Oregon's already expensive unemployment insurance system.

A terrible idea all the way. Please vote NO.

Thank you for your consideration.