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Union members on strike are subject to hardship which is largely beyond their control. Until the contract is agreed on by both sides, they need to pay their routine bills and keep their families sheltered, fed and clothed. The ramifications of the strike spread even beyond the strikers family. As the parents of a striking nurse, we are needed to withdraw from our savings account to keep them financially afloat. Certainly, some of the strikers do not even have that level of extended family support. The Providence strike has gone on for close to a month now, and unless a settlement is reached soon, funds will run out. Receiving unemployment insurance is critical to helping bridge the gap and the nurses have money withheld from their paychecks for this coverage. After nurses bravely worked through the Covid-19 pandemic, they deserve a better fate than this! Please vote yes on SB 916.