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Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

My name is Noah Aasen. I am a member of UFCW 555 working at Fred Meyer. I am submitting this written testimony in support of SB 916. We recently went on strike at Fred Meyer. Unemployment Insurance was created to support workers during periods of joblessness. Striking workers are, temporarily, without income when fighting for their rights. SB 916 simply extends this principle to those exercising their right to strike, aligning with the original intent of Unemployment Insurance and the purpose of SB 916/HB 3434. It's time to modernize our Unemployment Insurance system to reflect the realities of today's workforce and empower workers to achieve stronger contracts through collective action.