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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916
RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

I support unemployment for striking workers. I am a nurse at Providence and have been on strike for 25 days. Our expenses are far more than my husband's paycheck can cover, but it is extremely important to us to stand up for safe patient care as long as it takes. Most of us who strike are in working class industries where our safety or the safety of others is on the line. Most of us do not make a lot of money. I believe the working class of Oregon--those who care for human lives, who build and manufacture, who staff our grocery stores, we are the essential workers of this state. We as the working class keep this state afloat and we deserve the peace of mind to know we will not go broke from striking. Help us help you.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support,
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