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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

RE: Support for SB 916

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong support for the extension of unemployment insurance to workers engaged in strikes. Workers who go on strike do so not out of choice, but as a last resort to fight for better working conditions, fair wages, and the right to be treated with dignity. These workers are standing up for their rights, not only for themselves but for the broader community and future generation of workers.

Striking workers, like any other workers, face financial hardship when they lose their income. Denying them access to unemployment benefits during a strike creates a significant burden on individuals and families who are already struggling to make ends meet. It undermines the very principles of fairness and social safety nets that our system is supposed to support. Striking workers are not choosing to lose their jobs; rather, they are forced into an economic standstill as they fight for a just cause. Denying them this support essentially punishes them for exercising their fundamental right to organize and demand better treatment from employers.

Providing unemployment insurance for striking workers would not only help them weather the financial strain of a strike, but also ensure that workers are not forced into impossible decisions. This measure would promote fairness, uphold worker's rights, and demonstrate our commitment to a more equitable society.

I urge you to stand with workers by supporting unemployment insurance for striking workers. This is not just about economic justice for those on the picket lines; it's about creating a society that values the contributions of all workers and ensures that they are not left to struggle alone when they stand up for what is right.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Alicia