

Tamarah Cline, Oregon Nurses Association

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Testimony in Support of UI for Striking Workers (SB 916)

To the Senate Committee on Labor and Business:

As union workers who work tirelessly to protect and defend our communities, loved ones and families, we also have a right to protect ourselves. This bill would allow us to fight for safe staffing, competitive wages, safe, patient care, and other needs dependent on our job. We love in our invested in our communities and are striving for better working conditions so that we can take care of you. Being without a paycheck for over a month is crippling to our members. Single parents, members who take care of their families and loved ones, members who take care of their communities and neighbors, are all affected. Having unemployment benefits, while not being employed our benefits that should be allowed for every worker in the state that loses their job because of unsafe working conditions. It should not be a penalty to stand up for yourself and be silent no more. Please consider this bill for all labor workers in the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,
Tamarah Cline