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

To the Senate Committee on Labor and Business:

Workers go on strike at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. They do it for a greater good. This act of sacrifice and commitment should not be impoverishing. Our system should have the backs of workers who are at such extremes over intolerable conditions in the workplace that they've gone on strike.

Workers take strike action in service of the populations we serve and in concern for the sustainability of the Oregon healthcare system on which we all rely. Patients and communities are primary in why healthcare workers build strong contract campaigns, up to and including when necessary, going on strike.

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