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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 recently moved to Portland from the East Coast. I worked in hospitals with very high patient loads and no union to represent the nurses. Very unsafe conditions for patients due to lack of staffing and no recourse for fixing the issue. I have a business degree and background addition to my nursing. I understand the need for profit making; however, when it comes to patient (public) safety corporate greed is unacceptable. Unfortunately, the only way to stop this greed is by putting pressure on the business entity to force them to pay attention, aka striking. I have recently moved to Oregon, therefore I've incurred expenses relocating here. For the past month, I have been without a paycheck due to Providence, failing to do their part in providing patient safety. I am paying a very large price financially being on the strike line while Providence has strike insurance to help them absorb the costs of the strike. This doesn't seem right.

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