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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'm a Providence nurse that has been on strike since 1/10/25, 29 days now. I'm 63 and single. Own my own home with mortgage payments. I honestly don't know how my coworkers with families are making ends meet during this strike. Many aren't. Some have been able to find per diem work (not many), driving Uber, fast food. These incomes do not come close to income they're losing being on the picket line. People don't strike because it's fun or satisfying. They strike to improve work conditions and patient safety. The only way I've been able to pay my bills is through a HELOC. I borrow money from myself but it has to be paid back.

If striking workers were able to get unemployment benefits during a time of hardship, it would level the playing field.

PLEASE consider passing a law that would enable striking workers to receive benefits!!

Appreciatively,
Charlene RN