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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for considering SB 916. As one of 5,000 nurses on strike, this bill holds so much importance to us. We have endured unfair working conditions for far too long. We are fighting for safe staffing, which not only makes our job more doable, but it also is what is good for patients. We know Oregonians deserve better care. Currently, they are waiting too long to have call lights answered and problems addressed. The research also shows that decreasing the number of patients a nurse is responsible saves lives. This is why the nurses are asking for better nurse to patient ratios. Providence does not seem to value this sentiment at this time.

This connects to this SB because we believe our fight is a just one and we want to keep going until a fair contract is met. A contract that values the nurses as well as patient safety. However, the reality of the situation is that many of our nurses are the sole income for their family, have expensive student loans or for any other reason cannot financially keep going.

This strike will set standards for nursing in the state for years to come. If other corporations see Providence will be able to strong arm the nurses here, they will know they can do that at their corporations as well. The laws have long been slanted towards the corporation, this law is for the people.

Thank you for your consideration on this critically important bill.

In solidarity,  
Jacqueline Naganuma