

TO: Senate Committee on Labor and Business

FROM: Oregon Nurse in Milwaukie

RE: Support for SB 916

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business,

I have currently been on strike with Providence. I believe in what we stand for, a fair contract. Standing up for what I, as a nurse, and my coworkers, deserve. I work per diem which is a blessing for my family with our little kids. My days/hours are flexible with child care but without a pay check coming in it has been financially difficult. My children have high needs which do require more appointments and medically costing us thousands each year. Not working for now over three weeks we are having to use our savings. Being outside in the cold, wet, rainy weather at the picket line rather than inside providing the high competent level of care as a nurse to our patients is disappointing. The mental load of the greed and negative outcomes has been challenging and emotionally draining.

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

—Oregon Nurse in Milwaukie