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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

My name is Jane Snar and I'm a RN and a member of the ONA union. I support SB 916 which would repeal the law blocking unemployment benefits to workers on strike. This bill would help ensure that workers are able to stay afloat while fighting for a fair contract.

I was on the ONA negotiations team for Sacred Heart Riverbend a few years ago, and experienced tactics used to bully workers into prematurely agreeing to unsafe staffing and unfair wages and conditions in a contract. No shows, delays, holding out, often are tactics to avoiding good faith efforts in meeting in the middle on agreement on a contract.

Workers are the life blood of our healthcare system, without them, we don't have functioning hospitals.

Please help them bargain in good faith efficiently and in the mean time, support their families and self through these rough times when delay tactics are being used. The community benefits from initiatives like this. We need them back to work asap with a fair contract. They need to survive in the mean time.