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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

I am writing in regard to Oregon's SB 916. This bill will make a burden on the Oregon business climate. This type of bill is in place in the state of New York and New Jersey and according to 2024 CNBC American's Top States for Business productivity rankings has notably recognized these two states are worse than Oregon for business climate.

The State of Oregon has an unemployment insurance system that is designed to support workers who lose their jobs involuntarily. If passed this bill could incentivize workers to walk off the job, expand benefits to striking workers and union members which would have three outcomes: 1. Be an incentive for workers to just walk off the job 2. Increase costs for employers 3. Increase costs to the citizens of Oregon. This can only result in an economy that is punitive to all in Oregon and place in an even worse position as a livable state in comparison to others.

SB 916 seems to create another government policy that contributes to higher prices for all but could also cause employers as well as taxpayers and their families to do what California citizens have done and that is leave the state of Oregon to seek a better place for them to reach their goals and pursuit of a happier and more satisfying life. This would create a less stable state and increase more burden on the working population.

I ask you to consider SB 916 more of an encumbrance to Oregon, its economy, its working citizenry, its businesses and the overall ability of this state to be self-sustaining. Please oppose SB 916. Thank you for your consideration.