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On Behalf Of: self  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

To Oregon Legislators,

I am Opposed to SB 916, and request your vote against this bill. SB 916 would overturn current state law and provide unemployment benefits to striking workers. These striking workers made a personal decision to cease working. This was a voluntary action on their part. I understand these actions may be in pursuit of improvements or benefits to their current working conditions, and I support their right to do so.

I do NOT however, believe that the taxpaying residents of the state should have to pay to subsidize those actions. The workers generally go on strike with the support and encouragement of their respective union, who may or may not be providing subsidies for striking workers. I believe it should be the union's duty and responsibility to provide benefits to the striking workers, not the general taxpaying public.

The passage of this bill would encourage unions and their members to strike more often and for longer durations if the striking workers are receiving public subsidies to do so. Passage would also have a strong impact on the financial reserves of the state by paying striking workers a subsidy.

again, I oppose SB 916 and encourage its defeat at this legislature. Thank you,

Larry Osborne