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

We write to strongly Oppose SB 916.

This bill sends the entirely wrong message to workers. It would continue to make it an easy system to abuse, and further drive up costs. It is already difficult to keep a business in Oregon open, with never ending tax increases and additional costs.

Oregon's unemployment insurance system is designed to support workers who lose their jobs involuntarily, not those who choose to walk off the job. Expanding benefits to striking workers would increase costs for employers, strain an already overburdened system, and make Oregon less attractive for business investment—which is critical for job creation and economic growth. For those reasons and more, companies like ours have begun to look out of state, to discontinue business in the state of Oregon. It's simply becoming cost prohibitive.