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My name is Sasha, and I'm a nurse at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. Right now, when workers stand up for fair wages and safe conditions, the deck is stacked against us. Big corporations like Providence have the financial power to stall negotiations indefinitely, knowing that most nurses can't afford to go weeks without a paycheck. It's not a fair fight—it's a waiting game that only benefits the employer.

No one should have to choose between advocating for safer working conditions and putting food on the table. Workers in states like New York and New Jersey already have access to unemployment benefits during prolonged strikes, and Oregon should offer the same protection. Without SB 916, striking isn't a real option for most workers—it's a financial cliff. This bill ensures that when we take action to improve our workplaces, we're not sacrificing our livelihoods in the process.

Vote YES on SB 916. Standing up for workers isn't just the right thing to do—it's what's fair.

Thank you.