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My name is Abigail, and I'm a nurse at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. Right now, big employers can stall contract negotiations endlessly, knowing that workers can't afford to go without pay. Striking shouldn't be a test of financial survival, but without protections, that's exactly what happens.

SB 916 would give workers a basic safety net, ensuring we're not forced into financial ruin just for demanding fair conditions. This bill has strict safeguards, workers must reapply weekly to stay eligible—so it won't be misused. Many states already have similar laws, and it's time for Oregon to follow suit.

Vote YES on SB 916. Workers deserve a fair shot at the bargaining table.

Thank you!