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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

To whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing regarding the strike at Providence St Vincent. Today marks the 34th day of the strike as nurses advocate for fair contracts and safe working conditions.

I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon Bill SB 916, which would extend unemployment insurance benefits to striking workers. The economic hardship faced by striking employees can be devastating, and it often forces workers to accept substandard conditions out of desperation. This is not just an issue of financial stability; it is about ensuring that we can work in safe environments that prioritize patient care and our well-being.

The situation at Providence has been challenging, and I believe that no worker should have to choose between their livelihood and standing up for their rights. By supporting SB 916, you can help protect workers from being pushed into accepting unfair conditions simply to make ends meet.

I urge you to advocate for this bill and stand with healthcare workers in their fight for justice and fairness in the workplace. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Andy Ponkevitch