

Submitter: Christina Parker RN
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

I have been employed as an RN for 20 years. Committing to strike is a heavy burden on my family. Loss of income, potential loss of insurance and the ability to pay our bills is a heavy burden on our family. We are advocating for safe patient care and feel the strain when asked to do more with less. This comes at a cost for my family. We are taking out loans and making sure we can pay our bills so that we can advocate for the best care for our patients. We are relying on family and friends to help us through this difficult financial burden as well. Going into a strike knowing that we would have funds available would ease the burden and help to free up the needed time to negotiate a fair contract. Having unemployment would relieve the pressure to get to not accept an agreement prematurely in order to maintain financial stability instead of standing up for what I believe is the right thing to do for myself and the patients I serve.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.
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