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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

As corporate interests continue to encroach on the quality of life, health, and safety of millions of hard-working Americans, it is ever more important that we foster support for those who choose the one tool that cannot be suppressed, their unified voices. Decisions to strike are not made lightly, and oftentimes result from untenable workplace circumstances. The sacrifices a striking employee often has to contend with can result in disastrous consequences for themselves and their families, from loss of healthcare, housing, food security, and much more. While unemployment benefits would by no means be a form of complete resolution to many of these issues, it is an essential start towards giving Oregonians a fighting chance to survive such imbalanced battles....and notice I did not say win, but survive. I sincerely hope you all show your constituencies your support by passing this legislation while also continuing to work to combat the lack of corporate accountability that has become so pervasive in our society.

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