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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,

We all deserve living wages, decent medical care and insurance, and good, safe working conditions. Without speaking up for ourselves, many workers simply do not receive these basic standards from their employers. When we, as workers need to stand up to our employers and ask for these basic necessities to be provided, we are often left being to strike in order to receive any movement from employers. As citizens who benefit from services provided by these workers, we should ALL want those who provide services to us (often services that mean the difference between life and death) to be able to demand safe working conditions from employers. This affects us all.

Healthcare workers, especially nurses who often cannot go without a paycheck or two without significant financial distress, are most often unable to hold out against hospitals' seemingly endless pockets to pay replacement workers. Our entire community needs hospitals to be held accountable and in order to do this, striking workers need a minimum income to care for their families while in strike for issues that matter to ourselves and the communities we serve.

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