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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,

Hello. I am a registered nurse of 25 years and currently on strike with Providence Health. I've worked at Providence St Vincent for 9 years and am proud to serve my community here.

We have been out of contract for over a year because Providence has held us hostage with negotiations. They have not bargained in good faith. They have told us what they will give us and sent us to bed without supper. They are not motivated to settle a contract because then they would have to pay us more. This is wage theft.

I support the ONA and ALL unions who dare to speak up and stand up for themselves. This bill would bring real change to bargaining everywhere. We would no longer be held hostage by our earnings, afraid that we can't pay our bills. Corporations should not be able to replace us without being held responsible.

I urge you to vote yes on this bill.

From a kind, caring, loving, loyal, and moral Oregonian nurse,
Karyna McDonnell