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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,

Nurses and providers currently holding the strike line may not be getting paid for helping their community right now, but they are, in fact, fighting for their community and all Oregonians. The work we do extends outside of the hospital setting and one of the central tenants of nursing is advocacy. These nurses and providers are advocating for themselves and their patients. They need safe staffing, a livable wage, and a sense of safety and security at work in order to take care of Oregon's most vulnerable population. Allowing them unemployment benefits while on strike ensures that they don't need to choose between themselves and the safety of their patients. They can continue to fight for better working conditions and get back to giving excellent care.

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