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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

My name is Rose Reynolds. I am a member of UFCW 555, working at Fred Meyer. I am submitting this written testimony in strong support of SB 916. Recently, we at Fred Meyer were on strike. Even a short strike creates significant financial hardship for working families. SB 916 is about preventing striking workers and their families from being pushed into poverty for exercising their legally protected right to strike. This bill provides a crucial safety net, ensuring workers can stand up for fair contracts without facing financial ruin. It directly addresses the core purpose of SB 916/HB 3434: ending the exclusion of Unemployment Insurance benefits for striking workers. Passing SB 916 is not just about supporting workers during a strike; it's about investing in the long-term economic stability of our communities and empowering workers to negotiate from a position of strength. I urge you to vote in favor of this vital legislation.