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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and members of the committee,

My name is Cary Ninneman. As a member of UFCW 555 at QFC, I am submitting this written testimony in favor of SB 916. During our recent strike at QFC, we experienced firsthand how employers can use their vast resources to prolong negotiations. SB 916 directly addresses this imbalance. By providing Unemployment Insurance benefits to striking workers, it helps level the playing field, ensuring negotiations happen sooner rather than later. This bill is about empowering workers to effectively exercise their right to strike, a core principle behind SB 916/HB 3434, and ultimately achieve stronger contracts. A vote for SB 916 is a vote for fair negotiations and a stronger working class. I urge you to support this important measure.