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

My name is Stephanie Miller. I am a member of UFCW 555 at Fred Meyer]. I am submitting this written testimony in support of SB 916. Economic security is essential for workers' well-being and their ability to negotiate strong contracts. We recently struck at Fred Meyer. SB 916 recognizes this. It provides Unemployment Insurance to striking workers, not as a handout, but as a means of ensuring they can maintain some financial stability while fighting for fair treatment and better working conditions. This directly supports the goals of SB 916/HB 3434. Worker well-being is inextricably linked to the health of our economy and the strength of our contracts.