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To whom it may concern,

My name is Rachel Taylor and I am a nurse at Providence Portland Medical Center.

I've been in nursing for almost 30 years.

I'm writing you because I am one of the 5000 RNs, who are on strike. This is the only time I will say I am the lucky one if you wanna call it luck for I am on Workers Comp and am getting a portion of my pay because I have a work injury caused by our unsafe staffing/and lack of breaks to the point where it's been extensive and I had to have surgery after many months of waiting for MCO approvals, etc., even though this was a work related injury and it was deemed that. December 4 I had surgery and that night at the hospital I had complications. During my stay, I was told that the hospital was understaffed. To be the patient now it made me nervous. I was used to being the nurse and being short staffed. Prior to this, I would go to the floors and do audits for I was on restrictions. I saw all my fellow coworkers running and the floors not staffed enough, I emailed our CNO and let them know what I was seeing on the floors to which I never got a response. When I say that there was no choice but for these nurses and doctors to go on strike, they were doing this for the community and their patients and No one was listening inside Providence, and they were well aware. I am asking that the sacrifice all these people have made just to bring safety awareness and stand up for what they should've never had to stand up for not go unnoticed. You've got so many that are head of household, single parents like myself, new nurses that are paying back loans, those that have medical issues etc. that cannot afford the sacrifice of striking, but are doing it so that the community and patients get the safe care that they deserve. Striking is not what they wanted to do. It's what they had no choice but to do to make themselves heard.

Thank you for your consideration

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