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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,

Workers go on strike at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. They do it for a greater good. This act of sacrifice and commitment should not be impoverishing. Our system should have the backs of workers who are at such extremes over intolerable conditions in the workplace that they've gone on strike.

Workers take strike action in service of the populations we serve and in concern for the sustainability of the Oregon healthcare system on which we all rely. Patients and communities are primary in why healthcare workers build strong contract campaigns, up to and including when necessary, going on strike.

As I see the greater good and place myself in a position to create impactful change, I understand that my life does not also go on hold. To have financial assistance to better my community and workplace would mean I can still keep my bills, rent, mortgage, and childcare afloat.

To battle the frontlines of bargaining takes great sacrifice, time, and energy. Unemployment benefits would allow me to provide dedicated time at the table and be a confident advocate for fair work environments.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support,
Emily MSN