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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 who go on strike do so at great personal and financial sacrifice, not only for themselves but also for their families. They take this action not out of convenience but out of necessity, fighting for fair wages, safe working conditions, and the sustainability of the industries that serve our communities. This act of commitment should not lead to financial ruin.

Our system must support workers who, facing intolerable conditions, have no choice but to strike. Denying unemployment benefits during a strike only punishes those already struggling for fairness, further tipping the balance of power against the very people who keep our economy and essential services running.

As a primary breadwinner, a work stoppage would place me in severe financial distress. Many workers are in the same position, forced to choose between standing up for their rights and keeping food on the table. Providing unemployment benefits during strikes is not just a matter of financial relief, it is a recognition that workers deserve dignity, stability, and a fair chance to negotiate for better conditions without fear of total economic collapse.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.
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