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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,

I feel strongly that unemployment benefits should be available to striking workers to minimize the financial hardship to the workers and provide motivation to the employer to bargain in good faith. Not all members of striking units have voted in favor of the strike and may be on strike in support of their coworkers but financially be in distress. In our current healthcare strike staff are not only striking for themselves, they're striking for better patient care.

The labor movement has provided better workplace conditions and performance and is a major piece of personal rights and respect. This bill would help minimize financial hardship to workers and will minimize the ability of the employer to utilize financial punishment as a tool against labor.

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