

Submitter: Oregon Nurse
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,

As one of the Providence nurses on strike for nearly a month, I urge the Oregon Legislature to consider Senate Bill 916/House Bill 3434. This bill would provide unemployment benefits to workers who are on extended strikes. While I believe it's essential to strike in order to protect workers' rights, being on strike for three, soon to be four, weeks has become increasingly stressful. I am relying on credit and applying for additional loans just to pay my bills. Allowing striking workers to receive unemployment benefits would help balance the power between employers and employees during negotiations.

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