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On Behalf Of:
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RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

Working as a Registered Nurse at Providence Portland is a serious responsibility. Choosing to cross the picket line and continue working puts your nursing license at risk. This is because you'll be forced to work alongside individuals who are unfamiliar with the hospital's operations and workflows, which compromises patient care. In nursing, it's crucial to have a reliable team with well-understood skills and experience. When you don't have that, it creates a hostile and unsafe work environment.

Providence is not negotiating in good faith. They refuse to engage in meaningful discussions, and the proposals they offer are far from competitive. Nurses should qualify for unemployment benefits without question, especially in a situation like this. No one should be forced to work in an unsafe environment, yet that's exactly what's happening during this strike. Many coworkers are leaving Providence due to these conditions.

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

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