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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,

HELP! HELP! We (nurses) answer the call for help, we run to patients rooms. We came into the hospitals without masks during COVID. We are here for our communities! But now WE (NURSES AND EVEN DOCTORS) need YOUR HELP. We are up against the 5th largest healthcare provider in the United States. They are literally bringing in more money than McDonald's. These strikes are our only way to cry out for help. Providence has NOT bargained in good faith. We are only asking to provide excellent care to our communities through nurse and physician led safe staffing. And to be compensated in a similar fashion as our colleagues across the city, and state. Please allow us one more tool (unemployment insurance) to continue to our fight. One of us might be the very face of comfort to your loved one.

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