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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,

This strike has asked to do everything we can to find money for ourselves. We were advised to take loans, pull from our 401k, ask family and friends for help. There is a hardship fund but this can only help with a small fraction of my financial need. People were also only asked to apply if absolutely needed. One thing I did was sign up for per diem shifts through an app called Clipboard. I worked two shifts and very quickly realized I needed more training to properly care for the patients and myself. Working in a role with little to no experience is not a safe way to make money.

I have tried and am doing everything I can to make sure I can pay my bills and mortgage which is why passing SB916 would be a great way to help striking workers. SB916 would ensure everyone has a trusted source of funds to help them pay for their bills. Many people decided not to strike because of money which has the effect of prolonging a strike. If SB916 was implemented more workers would be able to have leverage and pressure the employers to make an agreement sooner than later. I write to you on day 29 of Providence nurse strike, and I plead to you to pass SB916. Thank you.

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