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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've worked hard for the 27 years I've been a registered nurse. At times working two full time jobs to try to get ahead & taking significant time away from my young children earlier in my career. Nursing has become progressively harder over the years. Demanding we do more with less. Less support staff & leaner and leaner staffing models. All while patient acuity has gotten higher. Sicker patients needing more care than we can provide without cutting care to less sick patients that deserve more time than I can give. These demands have more than once made me question why I chose nursing to begin with. To be honest if I knew now what I didn't know then, I would not. So why stay? I stay because my patients & profession need me. Right now they need me to fight for what's best for them now & in the future. Better patient care & better working conditions for my fellow nurses & the younger nurses coming after me. I fight for them on the picket line. I fight for a fair contract. My sacrifice means lean meals & leaner spending. Worry over how much longer I'll be able to pay utilities & our mortgage. Please consider changing unemployment laws to include striking workers so my sacrifice doesn't have to be so hard & plagued with so much worry.

Thank you,
Julie Davison RN
On strike at Providence Milwaukie Hospital