

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,

I support unemployment insurance for striking workers. My employer Providence Health has forced us nurses, ONA, to strike twice in two years. This is due to not bargaining in good faith. And spending time hiring replacement workers instead of actually negotiating. This has caused extreme hardship as nurses do not get paid when they are on strike. We have been on strike for almost a month at this time and I have not had a paycheck in several weeks.

I have two kids that require appointments regularly with medical providers and this has been very costly due to my poor insurance coverage. With no paycheck, this is difficult. In addition to the high price of groceries and utilities at this time.

I URGE you to approve unemployment for striking workers. Thank you.
Oregon Nurse