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On Behalf Of:

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As a striking nurse in Oregon, I am fighting for a better tomorrow by sacrificing my security today! I am fighting for better care for patients, safer staffing, stronger communities, and more competitive pay and benefits not only for current times but for the future generations of healthcare professionals.

I am on the strike line without pay because, even though I won't be able to recuperate my lost wages and could possibly face my health insurance lapsing, it is important for us to remind corporations to do what is right and to not allow greed to take over.

Many nurses are struggling but believe in what we are fighting for. Being able to access unemployment would help so many of us be able to continue fighting for what we believe is right for everyone.

I strongly urge you to allow striking workers to access unemployment benefits in order to assist in our fight for a fair contract. Help us force big corporations to come to the bargaining table in good faith. Please put an end to allowing big corporations to hold out until we have no other choice but to give in because we can no longer afford to hold the line.

Help us to help you continue to make this state healthier and safer for all!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.