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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB916

My name is John Holland, I am member of the Oregon Nurse Association union. I support SB 916 which would repeal the law blocking unemployment benefits to workers on strike. This bill would help ensure that workers are able to stay afloat while fighting for a fair contract.

I am currently on strike for safer working conditions and improved benefits because my employer chooses to pay replacement workers 3 to 4 times my wage instead of negotiating in good faith. I, along with my fellow workers are struggling to make ends meet, to pay bills, put food on the table and take care of our families. I support this bill because it will provide some protections for workers of Oregon and our families. Thank you for your careful consideration.