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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

I am writing to you to oppose this SB 916. I rarely contact the Legislature, however, when I learned of this proposal I was compelled to reach out. It is a terrible idea to incentivize the behavior of allowing workers - especially union workers, to receive unemployment benefits if they go on strike. If I had that luxury in the private sector, I would never work and eternally be on strike. The unemployment benefit is for those who are unemployed, to protect them when they are 'between jobs' or other similar, temporary situation. It is NOT for those who walk off their jobs as part of a negotiation effort. Also, it is my understanding that most unions have pay available for workers when they go on strike?!

Please do not allow this idea to move forward, it will damage the already challenging economy and signal to the State and rest of the Country that Oregon is not a good place to do business.

respectfully,
Tim