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SB 916. This would allow workers who engage in a strike to collect unemployment benefits from Oregon's taxpayers. Which means we will be using tax dollars to pay people not to work, again!

Oregon's unemployment insurance system is designed to support workers who lose their jobs involuntarily. It was never meant to incentivize workers to walk off the job. Expanding benefits to striking workers and union members would not only increase costs for employers but everyone else too.

It doesn't work in New York and New Jersey (according to the 2024 CNBC America's Top States for Business productivity rankings) and it won't work in Oregon. Our already bad business climate will drop even lower. Government policies are the main contributor to higher prices not hardworking business entrepreneurs.

I strongly oppose SB 916 and instead support hardworking Oregon businesses.