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Thank you for this opportunity to engage in the conversation regarding SB 916. As a recipient of the Oregon unemployment benefits in 2023 after involuntarily losing my job, I know the value of having funds available to meet the interruption of family income. I would not have received the benefits if I had voluntarily terminated my employment.

We need to stay focused on making certain the unemployment compensation funds are available for the purpose it was created. At one time, I was a union member with the phone company and we went on strike. I knew the financial impact and consequences of my decision. I made the decision to strike and not cross the picket line, and did not expect anyone to compensate me except the union. PLEASE! Do not pass SB 916! Do not put another burden on the taxpayers of Oregon! Government handouts are not that answer to decisions made by mentally competent individuals. I do not support adding funds to the unemployment insurance benefits budget for this purpose when they are needed for protecting children's rights. If you open this can of worms, everyone who has ever quit their job will expect the state to bail them out. How then will the State of Oregon sustain the funds to manage that? If this is passed it will demonstrate incompetence in our state legislatures. Please, vote no!