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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

To Whomever It May Concern:

I am a Registered Nurse working for a non-profit hospital and want to support my community both in and out of the hospital, I want to be there for healthy and unwell people. This is what I was born to do. I am struggling with the fact that healthcare accessibility and quality of healthcare is taken aim at by the president and the company he keeps. Healthcare is a right, not a privilege.

I am writing to state my support for SB916 because even though my role as a Nurse is protected by my union, there is a chance that someday there would be no union to support me. I am standing in solidarity with people who are in tune to what lies ahead of us, as Americans. If we lose work hours due to labor disputes as a result of government choices and mandates, bills and laws we need to be able to live, to eat, to know we are not alone.

Please consider passing Measure SB916 to protect people like me, who want to support our communities, but would never be able to afford rent at over \$2300, car payment of over \$700, cost of living such as groceries and gas, and the money that goes toward debt. Work hours lost due to a general strike or a union strike must always be protected and applicable for unemployment benefits.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ashly, a dedicated and concerned RN for over 16 years