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On Behalf Of:
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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 916

To the Senate Committee on Labor and Business,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of the SB 916. I am an Emergency Department registered nurse currently on strike with over 5,000 other nurses (and previously physicians) fighting for fair wages, safe staffing and improved health insurance. These are just a few of the issues we are fighting for. I realize at this point you may have read many other testimonies and these testimonies may all sound similar. I also realize that my one testimony may not be the one testimony that changes or confirms your decision to support this bill, however, I would regret my lack of actions if I did not write to you. My parents raised me to work hard despite disparities or shortcomings and I have done that throughout my entire life and continue to do so in my career as an ER nurse. As a senator and member that represents Oregon, I am sure you can relate to working hard to get to the position you're in now. I am sure you have had to debate and take on those who vehemently oppose you and wish for your failure. That is simply what I am doing by writing to you today. It is also what I am doing by striking against a large corporation who has continuously chosen not to support me while I work. The decision to strike was not an easy one and I knew that it meant sacrificing my income. However, based on my strong moral values, I knew that I had to stand up for what I believed in and keep fighting for what I deserve so that I can care for the community that needs me. Passing this bill means striking workers can get by during the strike, it is in no way meant for workers to get rich or to replace all wages. My fellow Providence nurses and I are out on the picket lines fighting and will continue to fight, just as you fight for your Oregonians. I urge you to pass SB 916, in support of workers that are fighting for what they believe in. Thank you.

Best,

Alana D'Onofrio