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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB916

RE: Support for SB 916

To the Senate Committee On Labor and Business,

Workers go on strike at great sacrifice to themselves and their families. They do it for a greater good. They do this for the betterment of their community, to be able to improve the conditions within the hospital system and all of these things improve better patient safety and ultimately, better patient care. This act of sacrifice and commitment should not be impoverishing. Our system should have the backs of workers who are at such extremes over intolerable conditions in the workplace that they've gone on strike.

Myself and many of my fellow coworkers (90% of the nursing staff across EIGHT hospitals) stepped out of work on January 10th, 2025. We did not know how long we would be without our income, we still don't and today is 29 days into our strike. We are single income families and many of us are the sole income for our households. This is a significant sacrifice. Executives in C-suites continue to earn an income during the strike while our nurse/doctors and their families suffer the income loss. Some are now looking at food banks and other types of support to make ends meet. We pay into unemployment so we should absolutely be able to access it during these uncertain times. Doing so would help level the playing field and would ease the significant stress of financial insecurities during this time of uncertainty.

Please consider supporting this bill. Thank you.  
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