

Submitter: Oregon Nurse
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 need more protection. The corporations have too much power and money, and it cannot continue like this. When workers fight for their rights, and the rights of their patients to have enough staff/quality of care, we are the ones that get hurt. My husband and I both are affected by this strike. We have no income. But we are standing up for the rights of our patients. What we are asking for from our employer is going to help RECRUIT and RETAIN nurses. We have a nursing shortage, how are we going to get people to enter this profession if we have no protections or rights? We are fighting for ourselves and for our future caregivers.

Allowing us unemployment benefits would help us to gain power to fight for what is right and just and fair. It will allow us to have more strength to withstand the hardships of striking and demanding that employers treat us with the respect and dignity we deserve. It may even be the one thing that can help us avoid having to go to the extremes of striking in the future.

Please consider this carefully. This could be a change that could change everything for all Oregonians.
Oregon Nurse