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I'm writing to strongly oppose SB916, a bill that threatens to devastate small businesses, burden taxpayers, and incentivize unemployment.

Nothing in life is free. When an unemployed person collects benefits, that money comes from the hard-earned contributions of themselves and others. We all recognize the value of a safety net for those facing genuine hardship—unemployment payments can be an overall societal good. But SB916 doesn't strengthen that safety net; it undermines it. This bill actively encourages workers to quit their jobs, making more and more people reliant on government checks. We cannot accept this as our reality. Society's goal should not be to maximize dependence on government handouts—it should be to empower individuals to stand on their own.

As someone who works for a small business, I see firsthand how vulnerable we are. Unlike large corporations with deep pockets, we don't have the resources to weather union strikes. When a strike hits, workers like engineers or administrators are laid off as they are not hourly workers with union benefits. SB916's added incentives for striking doesn't just tip the scales; it rigs the game against small businesses. This is a direct attack on small businesses who will be forced to cut jobs for non-union workers. It's reckless, shortsighted, and yet another case of good intentions crushing the livelihoods of those struggling to pay their bills. Businesses will continue to leave our state as they are even further overburdened by the administrative state.

We cannot let this bill pass.

Let's call it what it is: a corrupt bargain to funnel union money into political campaigns. The evidence is glaring. This isn't about helping citizens—it's about buying votes at our expense. Please, stop harming the people you're meant to serve. We're not asking for favors; we just want the chance to do business, provide jobs, and live our lives. SB916 doesn't just hinder that—it destroys it. Stand with us and reject this bill.

Thank you for your time