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I am an RN with Providence in Medford represented by the Oregon Nurses Association. I am currently on strike with many other nurses. This is day 27 of our strike. We are fighting for competitive wages/cost of living wages, safer staffing, better healthcare, increased PTO and a litany of other important issues. Providence has been stonewalling and refused for many days to negotiate in good faith. People are out on the line sacrificing time, money and livelihood. We are running out of money and we are now in danger of losing our health benefits through our employer at the end of February. Health insurance with incredibly high deductibles and high rates of denials of claims, procedures and life saving medications. All while we care for the sick and vulnerable, exposed to a host of communicable diseases. We currently can't file for unemployment as Providence bypasses this by inviting us to return to work on a weekly basis. This is wrong and immoral. We need support on the strike line with continued benefits and payment.