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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

Over my 38 year career, I have been involved in 4 labor disputes that have resulted in us going on the picket line. Excessive corporate greed, punishment for nurses using the union to claim their power and pure bull-headedness have caused administration to refuse to negotiate in good faith. In many instances, nurses have worked many months, and sometimes over a year, without a contract. They have spun us as greedy, selfish, and not caring for our communities.

We are fed up by the gaslighting and refuse to be characterized as such. We are on strike for safe staffing, acuity based assignments, adequate rest periods, adequate health care and PTO, and competitive wages.

Hospital systems “cry poor” and act like they can’t afford to provide fair wages and adequate compensation. Yet they spend millions on replacement workers while watching us lose wages on the line.

Providence, a 30billion dollar corporation, is “not for profit”. We deserve to know how much money they are wasting by prolonging our strike, while alternately claiming not being able to pay us competitively.

Please vote for this bill as it will provide transparency and stop Corporate Healthcare Systems from further gaslighting employees and cheating them for their loyalty and dedication to the communities they work in.

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