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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,

It is of utmost importance that hospitals are transparent with how much they spend on recruiting and paying workers who are filling in for those on strike.

If the truth of how much they spend is obfuscated it is most certainly done so as a tactic to create an image for themselves that is untruthful and is damaging to current and future full-time employees of the hospital, not just by eroding trust but also because they are secretly using money that could be budgeted for striking and future full-time employees contracts.

As a patient of a hospital that is currently on strike it scares me to think about the political theatrics that will keep occurring if this sort of tactic is allowed to continue. I want the nurses and hospitalists and anyone at the patient-level of the hospital to be compensated fairly and given the peace of feeling secure in their job. That way they can spend their efforts caring for their patients and also patients can have the comfort of knowing the staff is happy and is being retained. Nothing worse than a revolving door of staff that is unfamiliar with their surroundings or their cohort- it is harder for them to safely do their jobs or for patients to be able to feel comfortable with a rotating cast.

We only get a consistent and happy workforce if they have fair contracts. And fair contracts are only achieved by holding those at the top - those fighting for money over people - accountable.

Thank you for accepting my testimony and I look forward to your support.
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