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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,

We have entered a new era. One where corporate greed has taken over healthcare. They simply don't want to pay for the labor i.e., nurses and doctors. They've been leaning on us to work tirelessly for the greater good of society while attempting to diminish our value.

Companies like Providence have a plan in place to not negotiate with nurses and doctors. They have spent over 100 million in strike labor while reducing services to the community all to not pay the people who do the work. They have enough money to break the union and that is what they intend to do.

If a hospital system has not negotiated for an extended period of time the employee should be eligible for unemployment. They have not been bargaining in good faith. Clearly they are trying to end collective bargaining. If we could collect unemployment, we could fight this corporate greed. Many of these nurses are experiencing severe financial harm. They will leave Providence at the first opportunity. Sadly, this is what Providence wants. The future for them is in AI nurses and doctors. Anyway, to not pay labor. I think it's pretty easy to imagine what it would be like to be a patient without nurses there caring for you. This has to stop. Unemployment benefits would have moved this process to a fair contract much faster. Please consider it in the future.

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