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Support for Nurses, Doctors, and HB 2792:
A Call for Transparency in Healthcare!!!!

As healthcare workers in Oregon, including thousands of nurses and doctors, continue their strike against Providence Health & Services, it is vital to recognize the significant challenges they face. The strike highlights critical issues that demand immediate attention: chronic understaffing, unfair pay, and inadequate working conditions. These healthcare professionals are on the front lines, delivering essential care to our communities, but the lack of proper resources and fair compensation severely impacts their ability to provide the quality of care that Oregonians deserve.

Both nurses and doctors have voiced their concerns, with nurses calling for better staffing ratios and improved safety, while doctors have advocated for fair wages and better benefits. They are fighting not just for their own livelihoods, but for the wellbeing of every patient who walks through the doors of our hospitals and clinics.

HB 2792 is crucial in this fight for healthcare equity and transparency. This bill would require healthcare companies to disclose the financial impact of their labor disputes, including how much they are spending on these strikes. This information would provide much-needed insight into where resources are being allocated and whether healthcare companies are prioritizing patient care or their bottom line.

It is imperative that the public sees the real costs associated with these strikes, and that healthcare companies are held accountable for their investment in both the wellbeing of their workers and the quality of care they provide. By passing HB 2792, we can ensure transparency, foster better negotiations, and ultimately work toward a more just and sustainable healthcare system in Oregon. Thank you.