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On Behalf Of:
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RE: Support for HB 2792

To the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards,

The public has a right to know how much a hospital system is spending on replacement workers during a strike. Hospitals use the excuse during bargaining that pay to their employees would not be financially sustainable yet we often see hospital systems pay millions to their CEO's and high level management. They also spend millions on advertising with an example being the naming rights to Providence Park which costs at least 4-4.5 million annually. It would be enlightening to see how much money is actually spent on replacement workers rather than on the workers that toil for years for a company even through a pandemic. I think that those who spend years giving service to their community even through the worst of times deserve to have funds directed toward them rather than toward replacement workers. If hospitals truly value their employees, then they will invest in their loyal employees rather than those that are temporary.

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