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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,

As a frontline caregiver currently on the line I am extremely curious to know what amount of money Providence is capable of wasting on the current strike. The entire cost of replacement staff and smear campaign/advertising. They claim that our collected requests are "unsustainable" and yet they are pouring money down the drain to achieve what? A sense of control and power. That also feels dirty and inappropriate especially in the business that they are in which is healthcare, the caregivers are the ones that do the actual work and get their hands dirty.

As a non-profit organization I would expect all financials would be available to the public as they are receiving assistance from taxpayers. Strike expenses included. The pillars of Providence Health System are compassion, dignity, justice, excellence, and integrity. I don't see these qualities being extended to the frontline caregivers or actually the patients currently since the care they are now receiving lacks any vetted integrity or excellence. These replacement staff are here to make a buck. They do not allow us to strike as some may have you believe they hinder fair bargaining and only allow the rich corporation to hold out fair negotiating with the striking staff which don't have pockets full of money. Once we have exhausted our ability to strike financially we are challenged to either return to work or find employment somewhere else.

I kindly ask that this information be made available.  
Stoney Lundin