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Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2792

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2792

To the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards:

Please consider voting in favor of HB2792 in regard to how healthcare systems chose to spend the taxpayer's money towards replacement workers during strikes. The lack of transparency of how funds are spent on what is a non-profit healthcare system, brings concern to the values of upholding obligations to caring for the community. Those at bedside know the community and their patients. Rather than viewing this as solely a "local problem" or choosing to "not understand" I think holding the line on tax dollar misuse is a more appropriate perspective of this bill. Our patients depend on our healthcare systems to make advancements to care and expand opportunities for care without driving out of the way for such exams or tests. Especially, hospitals in rural areas. Patients do not want to drive an hour or more to locations that can offer services that money could be used and spent on expanding opportunities to keep it close to home for them. In addition, this means hospitals should be held accountable for the decision to spend it on the strike. My money for the company I work for gets taxed and those taxes I would like reinvested in T those I care for and work alongside with.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and I look forward to your support,

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