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I'm submitting testimony on the behalf of myself and my colleagues at Providence St. Vincent and throughout the Providence system. We are entering our 5th week of an unfair labor practice strike against Providence. We have been bargaining for a contract for over 400 days. Providence has claimed throughout this strike that the wage increases and patient safety measures we are asking for are not financially feasible. I find this very hard to believe when our last CEO made 14 million dollars per year and the hospital is currently spending millions of dollars per week to fill our positions. Financial transparency for organizations funded by taxpayer dollars is essential to ensure all of our hard earned money is going back to the community and the people doing the actual caring, not into the pockets of the administrators. Healthcare shouldn't be a big business. Corporate healthcare doesn't keep us healthier. This bill is a big step toward accountability for these massive healthcare businesses who would rather line their pockets than pay their caregivers or actually care for the community.