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As a steward during our last bargaining year one of the hardest realities to face was that the union members who needed the most help were the most at risk when it came to a strike. People who did not make enough to pay rent already could not afford to strike even when they were the ones who needed the most. It heavily weighted our negotiations in favor of the University from the start. While our member were brave enough to vote to authorize a strike and were ready to do so, we took a deal that just barely addressed our poorest members needs because the strike risk was so great.

Negotiating contracts is always weighted on the side of University or other businesses because striking workers depend on pay to get by and every year the dollar is worth less. In order to restore the strength and dignity of workers we need laws that strengthen worker positions.