



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 5, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 916 B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Oregon's workers deserve basic economic protections during labor disputes, which is why I voted yes on Senate Bill 916 B. However, it felt important to file this vote explanation to raise a word of caution on behalf of families with young children.

In central Oregon, many families are faced with balancing the demands of work, rising living costs, and lack of reliable childcare. When labor disputes extend for weeks or longer, it creates uncertainty not just for workers, but also their children. Parents facing lost wages, even with unemployment benefits, may struggle to cover basic needs, like food, rent, or a mortgage. That stress and economic impact affects our children, our small businesses, and our community as a whole.

As this bill moves into implementation, I urge us all to keep families, especially families with young children, front and center. I will continue working to protect fair economic opportunity and family stability in central Oregon. If the trust placed in this system is breached, and if unintended consequences harm our families or strain our safety nets, I am committed to working with my colleagues to revisit this legislation and fix it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emerson Levy".

Emerson Levy, State Representative HD53

