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State of Connecticut  
Legislative Labor Committee

Re: Paid Sick Leave Mandate

It is difficult in these challenging economic times to keep a business operating. A requirement for businesses to provide employees with mandatory sick leave will place a burden on businesses that will result in the cutting of employee positions, reduction in benefits or business failures.

Connecticut already has one of the highest business costs in the country. With unemployment on the rise, does the state really want to lose more jobs with unreasonable mandates? We need to be attracting businesses not giving them incentive to leave the state. Also, how can legislators expect businesses to provide benefits that the public employer will be exempt from?

Please consider the ramifications of putting such an obtrusive mandate in place especially in these hard economic times.

Sincerely,

Lisa Napolitano  
Secretary/Director