



Connecticut Chapter

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SB 63 Paid Sick Leave to Employees

I am the President (Executive Director) of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC). CT ABC is a statewide membership association that represents merit contractors and is the largest construction association in Connecticut.

We ask you to reject SB 63 - Paid Sick Leave to Employees. CT ABC opposes the passage of SB 63. This proposal will substantially increase business cost and could force employers to reevaluate other benefits they provide employees.

We currently find ourselves operating in the worst economic climate we have seen in over 70 years and we can't state strongly enough that this is not the time to make Connecticut businesses less competitive.

On behalf of our association we urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to *improve* the climate for our employers *and* employees rather than take steps to further burden them.