

March 1, 2011

To the Members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee:

We the undersigned businesses employing hundreds of people in the state of Connecticut urge you to reject Senate Bill 913 An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Their Employees.

Especially during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, with businesses struggling to stay open and more than 100,000 Connecticut people already out of work, SB 913 is poorly timed and much too costly.

If passed it will:

- Raise the cost of doing business significantly for many employers and add unwarranted costs to those struggling in this economy
- Force some employers to reduce other employee benefits or wages to pay for it
- Cause some employers to abandon their plans for job creation, capital investment and other actions needed to make our economy grow again
- Make Connecticut uncompetitive by sending the message that the state is unfriendly to business

As employers, we literally cannot afford the price of this legislation; Connecticut also cannot afford to be seen as the first state in the nation to pass such an anti-jobs measure.

Businesses in Connecticut are doing everything they can to keep their doors open, hold onto jobs, and create more. This measure will endanger all of those efforts.

That's why we strongly urge you to reject SB 913.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abercrombie, Burns, McKiernan, Darien  
Alloy Engineering Co., Bridgeport  
Bicron Electronics Company, Canaan  
Coilplus CT, Waterbury  
Company Insurance, Inc., Darien  
Darter Specialties, Inc., Cheshire  
H&T Waterbury, Waterbury  
HDB, Inc., Winsted  
Hubbard-Hall, Waterbury

J & M Safety Consulting, LLC, Waterbury  
Marion Manufacturing, Cheshire  
Orange Research Inc., Milford  
Platt Brothers, Waterbury  
Schwerdtle Stamp Company, Bridgeport  
Stevens Company Inc., Thomaston  
Traver IDC, Waterbury  
Whitcomb Business Corp., Danbury