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S.B. 913

Labor and Public Employee Committee  
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CWA Local 1298 is in favor of S.B. 913 AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS  
PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES

This bill's time has come. To think that in this day and age that it is ok for a society to accept the practice and thinking that it is acceptable to expect that employees come to work sick because they can not afford to miss a days pay is just wrong. The people who work in the professions of serving the public in such capacities such as food service employees, classroom assistants, school bus drivers, and health care aides to name a few occupations are not in professions that are high paying so to expecting them to take a day off from work without pay when sick will be financial hardship for all of them, never mind the publics health risk at stake. We all have heard the arguments, pro and con and the benefits of the pro's far outweigh the con's. CWA Local 1298 urges this committee to pass this bill.

Thank you

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