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**Testimony in Opposition to:**

**Raised Bill 913: AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES**

Submitted by: Donald Tuller, President, Connecticut Farm Bureau Association  
*The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.*

Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski, Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

We are opposed to Raised Bill 913 on several levels. Connecticut farmers depend on other residents of the state to buy our agricultural products. If this bill is passed it will drive more jobs and disposable income out of the state. This could also negatively impact our larger farm operations. If you are this determined to put Connecticut employers at an even greater disadvantage than they already are, how long before you bring it down to smaller employers. Isn't the State of Connecticut suing the Federal Government over unpaid mandates? Is the State of Connecticut offering to reimburse companies who provide mandatory paid sick leave? This is an unpaid mandate on Connecticut businesses. The citizens of Connecticut are looking for some sign that the members of the Connecticut Legislature realize their responsibility to not further damage the ailing Connecticut economy. Defeating Raised Bill 913: AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES would be a step in the right connection. Please vote No on Raised Bill 913.

Thank you: Don Tuller President Connecticut Farm Bureau Association