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Good afternoon Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski and esteemed members of the Labor Committee. I submit my written testimony today in support of SB 913 also known as the paid sick days bill. As you all are aware this legislation has come before this committee a few times in past legislative sessions. This legislation has always been passed by the Labor Committee due to the fact that the legislation is warranted and long overdue. This session is no different the paid sick days bill should be passed by the labor committee.

In the work place when sick employees arrive at the work place because they fear loss of their job or retribution for their illness they put all their peers at risk of becoming sick as well. They impact productivity in a negative way. The fear and risk is not imagined. We have all been in close proximity to a sneezing, sniffing or coughing store clerk, restaurant employee or co worker. We do not have to wonder why they came to the work place sick, we all know the reason.

Now is the time to correct this problem SB 913 will do just that! SB 913 will help to increase workplace productivity, protect the public and protect fellow workers. SB 913 is good legislation at the right time. In this time of economic struggle it is more important than ever to increase productivity and reduce the overall healthcare costs by allowing sick people to remain home and get well.

Thank you for your consideration,



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