

My name is David Lewis. I am a small business owner in Stamford, CT with 25 employees in the state. I also have the unique distinction of supporting over 250 small businesses in CT as their Human Resources department, including but not limited to serving as their advisor and guide on Policy and Procedure development. I am writing today to voice my opposition for Senate Bill #913. I do so on behalf of my firm and over 200 in the state.

In short to introduce such a bill at a time when the economic climate in the state is so dire is both misguided, a strong demonstration of warped priorities, and a kick in the gut at a time when so many small businesses are hurting already. With 2011 came an average increase in excess of 20% for medical premiums, this during a time when the economy is at historic lows. CT ranked at the bottom in terms of its support of Small Business. To pass such a bill would solidify the state's spot at the bottom of the list, a distinction we can ill afford. Your bill is going to eliminate jobs and hurt employers, perhaps with some benefit to those that remain employed; certainly a result not worth the trouble.

I would welcome the chance to speak with members of the committee hearing this bill to provide a very unique perspective. I hope you will take me up on this sincere offer. In the interim I hope you will seriously consider voting NO for this poorly timed and positioned piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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David Lewis

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