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Testimony IN SUPPORT of SB-913 for Paid Sick Days

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Testimony for the Labor Committee on the Paid Sick Days Legislation:

I support SB 913, the paid sick days legislation. Workers should not be punished simply because they are ill.

Where I work, I am often exposed to illness, and sometimes get sick from my job. However when I get sick, I am not able to stay home and take care of myself. I cannot afford to lose pay. I need my full paycheck in order to pay my bills, losing a day or more of pay can make it difficult to pay those bills.

On top of losing pay, missing a day of work can mean putting my job at risk. My job does not allow you to bring in a doctor's note. Instead calling out is counted against you.

I urge to support paid sick days legislation the will allow workers to stay home to recover from an illness and not be punished for being ill.

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