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To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

Subject: Reject SB 913: Mandatory Paid Time Off

I am writing this letter to urge rejection of of this proposal that mandates paid time off. I think this is an incredible overreach by government, especially at a time when small businesses, like mine and throughout the state, struggle to stay afloat in these difficult times. My vendors and customers in Connecticut are universally opposed to this bill, and we all share the same feeling that our government should be focused on cutting costs and creating an atmosphere that supports business, not mandating more regulation that will drive business out of state.

We in fact now offer 3 sick days annually for employees, but when we started five years ago did not have the luxury to do so. These decisions should be between employee & employer, and do not have anything to do with what government thinks is fair.

I implore you to focus on what will help our state, cutting our costs, making a leaner government. Take an example from Wisconsin, Private industry & their employees struggle daily for decent, livable wages, benefits, etc. Please respect that and expect government to do the same.

Regards,

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