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

From: Diane Becker

Subject: **Reject SB 913:** Mandatory Paid Time Off

With the financial crisis facing this state and this country, how can your committee justify spending a minute of time on a bill such as this?

Governor Molloy has stated quite clearly that jobs are a top priority for our State. Employers create jobs. In order to do that, they must have both demand (good economy) and resources (cash). When a law takes away a business' cash, the business is less able to create a job. This mandatory paid time off bill takes cash away from business and bestows a gift on current workers. Easy for you to do! But not smart.

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Your efforts should be devoted to getting Connecticut out of the current mess. This bill makes the mess worse. This bill does not help those without work, and would be a free gift to those who do – creating work conditions where none currently exist. This bill would hurt Connecticut business. This bill is wrong for Connecticut and I urge you to reject this legislation.