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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 am in favor of SB 913.

Recently I have seen firsthand, what it is like to not have paid sick days. My mother was recently hospitalized due to illness, without paid sick days. As if the high hospital bills weren't enough, she also suffered from a loss of income. Losing her pay made it even more difficult for her to pay her medical bills in addition to all her other bills.

Workers like her deserve protection. No one should be hit with both medical bills and a loss of income, all at the same time. Workers deserve to be able to take care of themselves when they are sick. Allowing workers to have paid sick days would mean one less worry. At least if a worker misses work they will still have a full paycheck.

Please support the paid sick days legislation.