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

Re: Reject SB 913: Mandatory Paid Time Off

We strongly urge that SB 913: Mandatory Paid Time Off be rejected. This would create an undue burden on our business. We have been growing at the rate of 10-20% per year. We built a brand new 75,000 square foot manufacturing facility less than a year ago. Our electric costs as well as tax burdens have grown exponentially. An additional payroll burden would be a stress factor that we are not sure our company could overcome. Connecticut needs businesses like ours, we added 10% to our workforce last year at a time when other companies were laying off hundreds of workers and we will add at least that much this year. If we can't afford to expand our workforce based on the additional monetary burdens the passage of this bill would cause, we wouldn't be able to meet our client's growing demands for our technology, and could potentially be unable to continue our business in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Agrawal", is written over a horizontal line.

Giri Agrawal

President