

February 24, 2011

To Members of the Labor Committee

Dear Committee Member,

Please appose SB 913, An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees.

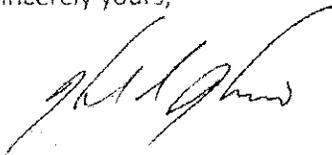
Almost all the businesses that will be directly affected by this bill already have a paid sick leave policy. By passing this bill into law you will be making paid sick leave a mandate instead of a benefit for the employees of these companies.

Connecticut employers have the expense of modifying their existing procedures to bring them into compliance and will not be able to control abuses of the system. Employers will also be subject to lawsuits when disgruntled employees allege that the employer's policy does not meet state requirements.

Connecticut has had 23% lower job growth than the rest of the states since 1990. (See attached chart) Legislation like mandatory paid sick leave has contributed to this job loss.

Please spend your time to eliminate mandates not increase them. Time is being wasted while people die for lack of jobs. The jobless are turning to drugs, alcohol and suicide because of the pressures of not having a job.

Sincerely yours,



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Attached: 1. Chart of Employment Feb. 2011



**State Non-Farm Employment minus Gov. Employment
Employment and All State and Local Government Employment
relative to Jan 1990**

