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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is John Winfield, President of Abbott Associates, a medical device component manufacturer located in Milford, CT.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-913, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

We have thirteen employees... If I am mandated to provide paid sick leave, I would have to provide six additional days to them for time off at my expense and hardship raising my overhead an extra 2% as well as creating an extra workload to the employees remaining...

May I also remind the committee that other states do not seem to have this burden and are eager for more jobs to help their economies...

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed,

John Winfield