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**Testimony of  
Joseph Brian Bonner  
Bonner Electric, Inc.**

**Before The Labor and Public Employees Committee**

***OPPOSING***

**SB-913, An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees**

**March 1, 2011**

My name is Joseph Brian Bonner and I am the Owner of Bonner Electric, Inc., located in Uncasville, CT and a Member of the Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE).

Bonner Electric, Inc. is a family owned business that was founded by my father in 1976. We work on construction projects in Connecticut and employ twenty seven Connecticut workers. We are proud to be able to offer our current employee benefits, which include vacation and time off, so SB-913, as written, will not directly impact the employees of Bonner Electric, Inc.. I am, however, very much opposed to government imposing mandates on private businesses. Individual businesses should be allowed to determine the employee benefits that suit their own personal needs and these should not be mandated by the State of Connecticut.

SB-913 should not move forward. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, and on behalf of the electrical industry, we urge the Committee to reject SB-913.

Sincerely,  
BONNER ELECTRIC, INC.

Joseph Brian Bonner  
Owner