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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Karen Wasserman. I own a Seniors Helping Seniors franchise based in Waterford CT. It is a Homemaker-Companion Agency hiring retired Seniors to provide in home services for older seniors who need help to stay in their homes. We offer services in a large number of Connecticut towns including those listed in my letterhead.

I am writing to you to ask for your support in opposition to SB-913, a sick pay mandate. Our industry is trying to maintain a delicate balance between the increasing costs of doing business in the State of Connecticut and keeping rates affordable for seniors who pay out of pocket for their services. A mandate to pay sick time will result in higher payroll costs. We operate with very small profit margins and simply cannot afford to absorb this additional cost.

The approval of bill SB-913 under the current economic circumstances would further increase the cost of doing business in the State of Connecticut. It will result in lower pay and may force me to raise Senior home care rates beyond what most Seniors can afford. The ultimate result is likely to be business closure and lost jobs.

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

Thank you.

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