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To Whom it may concern:

It is very important that Senate Bill 913 get passed. I am a nursing major, and preventative care is the first thing that is emphasized in all of my classes. However, with the current lack of paid sick days, it is not possible for people to obtain the proper health care they need. It is not only important for people to take care of themselves, but they must take care of their family.

This bill is especially important for women, because they are the traditional core of the family environment. Because they are generally the most important caregiver they are responsible for the well-being of others, in addition to their own. As such, they are doubly affected by a lack of paid sick days. So we see that those who need leeway the most are the very ones who carry the brunt of this oversight. The problem becomes worse when one considers that unpaid sick leave usually goes hand in hand with low incomes.

I find this issue very worrisome, especially as a nursing student who plans to dedicate her life to the well-being of others, and I believe it is the responsibility of this committee to pass this bill.

Sincerely,
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