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To Members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee:

My name is Larry Becker, President and Owner of Reidville Hydraulics & Mfg., Inc., 175 Industrial Lane, Torrington, CT 06790.

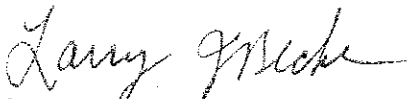
Almost one year ago to the day, I and other business owners and numerous people from Connecticut wrote letters in opposition to Senate Bill 63 -- An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to all employees.

In the last year, the business climate in this state has not changed. Yes, the economy is improving, slowly. Our company is fortunate to have new opportunities to grow our business and start hiring again. Without the cost cutting measures implemented in the last few years, we would not have these opportunities.

The state is again considering implementing mandates such as SB-913, An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees (sounds familiar) which will only drive operating costs up. We hear that Jobs are Job one! When will the legislature realize that bills like this only hurt the ability to survive in this already costly state?

We urge you to reject SB-913 and keep it off the table. Instead, use your collective experience and talent to work on bills that really matter (reducing the size and cost of government, improving education, improving the infrastructure, and oppose all bills that are harmful to the goal of making Connecticut, once again an attractive place to do business.

Thank you for your support.

  
Larry J. Becker

President