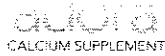


Thompson Brands LLC



February 24, 2011

Labor and Public Employees Committee
State of Connecticut

Dear Senator:

RE: OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY PAID SICK LEAVE – SB 913

I urge you to please reject this proposal. The businesses in our state simply cannot afford any additional burdens at this time. Instead, please work with the business community to control the labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Please stop the spending and work with businesses to help keep jobs in our state, not eliminate them.

Sincerely,

Mary Filippone
HR Manager