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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF PAID SICK DAYS, SB 913

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TESTIMONY TO THE LABOR COMMITTEE:

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PAID SICK DAYS BILL. SICK WORKERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAY HOME AND GET BETTER. PAID SICK DAYS ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO DO THAT.

RECENTLY I BECAME ILL, AND HAD TO MISS A FEW DAYS OF WORK TO RECOVER. I AM FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE PAID SICK DAYS. IF I HADN'T HAD PAID SICK DAYS, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MISS WORK AND STILL PAY MY BILLS. I LIKELY WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO GO TO WORK SICK.

WHEN EMPLOYEES DON'T HAVE PAID SICK DAYS, THEY ARE UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, AND OFTEN SPREAD ILLNESSES BY EXPOSING CO-WORKERS. PLEASE SUPPORT THE PAID SICK DAYS BILL, TO ALLOW WORKERS TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES AND STOP THE SPREAD OF ILLNESSES.

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