



February 23, 2011

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Rita Savoie, Human Resources Manager at U.S. Button Corporation in Putnam, Connecticut.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 913, An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees. This proposal will substantially increase our business cost and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

The last few years have been difficult for us, as well as many other Connecticut companies. We laid off one-third of our employees just to stay in business in this state. We just started hiring again, but mandating paid sick leave will impact our company.

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

Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rita Savoie'.

Rita Savoie
Human Resources Manager