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State of Connecticut, Legislative Branch
Labor and Public Employees Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Committee Members:

My name is William Campion and I am the President and CEO of Campion Ambulance Service Inc. here in Waterbury, CT.

I am writing to request that you **oppose Senate Bill 913** - An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees. This bill will require employers to provide mandatory paid sick leave for all employees. Preventing a business owner or organization from implementing the proper attendance and other related personnel policies will be **incredibly harmful**, making Connecticut **extremely less desirable** for a business to either expand current jobs or to relocate to Connecticut. The substantial increase in costs will force employers to examine and reconsider the level of other employee benefits currently being offered to employees.

In addition this legislation will force organizations such as ours to carefully analyze the exact number of employees necessary to provide our service. The focus of this analysis would be to reduce not expand the number of jobs or employees within our organization such that we can remain efficient and financially strong so as to survive these challenging economic times.

Prevention of the passage of Senate Bill 913 is critical to the future well-being of our state's economy and the residents of Connecticut. Connecticut is already one of the most expensive states within our country in which to conduct business. Senate Bill 913 will lead to the **loss of current businesses and jobs** and will **prevent future business and job growth**. If the overall goal of the current administration is to create job growth and business expansion, Senate Bill 913 **will not accomplish** that objective.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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