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To: Connecticut State Legislators  
Labor Committee

Dear Connecticut Legislators:

Acme Wire Products Co., Inc. is a second-generation family business in Mystic, CT manufacturing steel and stainless steel components for companies throughout the United States & internationally. We were founded in 1970 and currently employ 47 people in the southeastern Connecticut region. We support our local community through numerous charitable donations, purchasing from local subcontractors and retail and commercial establishments. Acme Wire Products is a significant contributor to the tax base in the town of Stonington and the state of Connecticut. Currently, we are the largest precision wire fabricator in the state.

We strongly urge you to vote against SB-913, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave to their employees. This bill will increase our labor costs and would cause us to reduce other employee benefits, such as vacation time. In addition, the added cost of state imposed mandates such as paid sick leave would cause Acme Wire Products to curtail the hiring of additional employees in an attempt to control costs.

Top officials in Connecticut have continually claimed they want to make Connecticut an attractive place for companies to locate and to improve our business climate. Nonetheless, the legislators in Connecticut continually have imposed mandates & now propose additional mandates on existing Connecticut businesses which make our state a costlier, less competitive and ultimately a less desirable place to do business.

The legislators, in particular, the Labor Committee, need to work hard to retain the businesses that are currently located within the state by creating an environment that enhances growth and competitiveness, not discourage the companies that are currently trying to remain in Connecticut and remain competitive within the global marketplace.

Please feel free to contact me at [mfitz@acmewire.com](mailto:mfitz@acmewire.com) or by phone at 860-572-0511 to discuss.

Very truly yours,

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