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To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

From: Del Merenda
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Subject: Reject SB 913: Mandatory Paid Time Off

Frankly, I am at a loss as to where to begin. Our state and our nation are experiencing significant job losses in the all-important GDP products and services sectors. Connecticut businesses are immersed in life-or-death struggles to remain competitive while keeping a strong CT labor presence that provides the necessary tax base to pay for needed government services.

While we are in the midst of the most serious sustainable job crisis in our nation's history, how can supporters of such an onerous bill as is SB 913 be so removed from this reality and blindly propose its passage? This bill's proponents need to take their heads out of the sand and focus their legislative responsibilities on growing the Connecticut labor force that produce GDP products and services. The rest of Connecticut's citizens must rely upon this essential labor base to sustain a working economy.

I believe that focus on this bill is both misguided and irresponsible. We will all be much 'sicker' if any more time and resource is taken away from solving Connecticut's current economic crisis.

Please show that you care about Connecticut's economic future and do not vote in favor of this bill that will force businesses to lay off Connecticut workers; or worse, move out altogether.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Del Merenda', is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Del Merenda

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