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catering and special events

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I own A Thyme to Cook, Inc., a 27 year old catering and event design company in Southeastern Connecticut. Our predominant business is catering weddings, fundraising galas and celebrations from April through November.

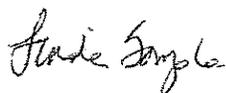
Our business requires a minimal full time staff (year round), while employing up to 150 "on call" staff during our busy season. Being on the shoreline, there are numerous businesses that are seasonal. This paid sick time bill will be devastating for A Thyme to Cook and all those other seasonal companies that provide shoreline food service.

I cannot pass this additional cost on to our clients, as we are already dealing with decreased volume, due to the weakened economy and I cannot afford to meet additional payroll expenses for employees who do not report to work.

If an employee calls in sick, we are essentially paying double since we need to find a replacement for that absent employee. We are a business that specifically employees staff on an "as needed" basis. We request specific employees to work at specific times and they then choose whether they will accept that assignment or not, depending on their own personal schedule. We do not have set schedules for our employees and to include us with businesses that do is unjust and unfair.

Please consider voting against this bill as it will certainly prevent us from thriving within our industry and making Connecticut stronger.

Sincerely,



Linda Sample
President

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