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**Labor & Public Employees Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591**

Dear Committee

I am writing to urge you oppose Senate Bill 913 - An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees. This bill will require Connecticut employers to provide mandatory paid sick leave for all employees. Preventing a business owner from imposing attendance and other personnel policies will be incredibly harmful and would make Connecticut less desirable for businesses to expand or move into our state. This proposal will substantially increase the cost of business at a time when there are no margins in our work and we have several employees laid off. We will be forced to reconsider other employee benefits that are currently offered in order to offset these costs. Our employees are satisfied with our current benefits and programs. We don't want the State Of Connecticut to further intrude into our workplace.

Preventing the passage of this bill is crucial to the future well-being of our economy and to all residents of Connecticut. Connecticut is already one of the most expensive states in the United States to conduct business and we cannot afford to lose any more jobs to other, more affordable states. The passage of this bill would not make Connecticut a very attractive place to do business.

Do the right thing.

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