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SB 913, An Act Mandating Paid Sick Leave to Employees

SBC Restaurant & Brewery is a CT company started in 1997 and employs 275 full and part-time workers.

We Strongly Oppose SB 913. There are many arguments against this legislation. Most of you have heard them all before and others will testify to them today.

I guarantee that I share in their views and opposition to this bill. I would, however, like to add the following to the discussion.

We in the restaurant business are in a "disposable income business." We provide food and entertainment to customers who have the ability to pay for these services. We cannot force anyone to use our services or buy our products. Our success or failure usually depends on our ability as owners, chefs and managers to operate in such a manner that we retain not only customers but employees as well.

In a year when the new governor has proposed arguably the largest increase in taxes in CT history, logic would dictate that discretionary income is going to take a hit, thus affecting my customer's ability to fund their entertainment.

In the backdrop of this hit to my industry, SB 913 doubles down on the hospitality industry, proposing yet another job killing business mandate.

High taxes and employer mandates have driven jobs and people from our great state over the past 20 years. The hospitality industry needs a thriving private sector, job growth, and residents with jobs and money in their pockets. The policies we have pursued these past 20 years have not worked and we should change course. The last thing CT needs is another reason for an employer or business not to relocate here, start here, or stay here

Thank You,

David J Rutigliano
Owner / Executive Chef
SBC Restaurant & Breweries

