

February 24, 2011

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Russell Paine and I am the Vice President at Paine's Inc. I am the third generation in a family business that was started by my grandfather in 1929 and has been owner operated since the beginning and remains so today. We are located in East Granby, CT. and are proud to provide our customers with excellent recycling and waste removal service in and around Hartford County.

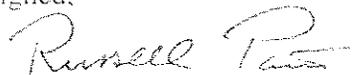
I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-913, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and will force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

With diesel at \$3.77 per gallon and rising fast, unemployment at 9% + and the state of Connecticut with a 3.6 billion dollar deficit...what are you thinking? This nonsense needs to stop now! Here's an idea how about you do the jobs you were elected to do and find productive ways to help our state out of the poor house instead of finding new ways to drive us all closer to bankruptcy. Businesses and the people of Connecticut are tired of being used as an open bank account. This legislation and so many others like it are exactly why Connecticut and so many other states in this great country are working from the red instead of the black.

Companies cannot and will not invest in the future of Connecticut to expand their businesses, improve employee benefits and create the new jobs that this state needs so desperately if the cost of doing business continues to sky rocket and our customers decline.

The responsible thing for this Committee to do is to reject this proposal to show that working with Connecticut's Businesses and its Residents to curb needless spending is at the top of this Legislature's agenda. Thank you.

Signed,



Russell Paine
Vice President