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S.B. No. 221 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE

To the Committee:

The goals of paid family and medical leave are admirable and well intentioned. Yet, the state is in a crisis. It is seeing a drastic decline of tax revenues.

CT has gained a sad, yet well-deserved reputation as being hostile to businesses both large and small. It hampers businesses with high income, use and property taxes and fees. CT has heavy tax and regulatory burdens that are very anti-business. CT also is incredibly high cost for individuals based on income and property taxes alone. Businesses and individuals are leaving, due to such tax and regulatory oppressiveness.

Many, if not most employers work to help employees in times of need and crisis. Many, if not most employers, are good, caring and compassionate. Why does the state need to inject its businesses and workers with yet another set of rules and taxes?

This act is another way to tax workers, increase costs to businesses and add more state workers to administer the program. It will drive more businesses either to leave CT or just close up shop.

The act should be scrapped completely. At the very least, put it on hold for a year or two until the CT legislature and governor demonstrate they are able to get the state's finances in in better shape and many more businesses start coming to CT.

Thank you.

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