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Dear Common Council Committee on Judiciary and Legislation,

I am writing to ask you to vote YES on the Paid Sick Days ordinance. As a member of MomsRising.org and a Milwaukee resident, I know that Paid Sick Days will not only provide needed economic security to Milwaukee's families, it is also an essential component of a strong public health policy. Currently, only about 20% of restaurant and service-sector workers have any paid sick days.

Today the Committee on the Judiciary and Legislation will hear testimony on the Paid Sick Days ordinance. This ordinance was referred to you by a citizen initiative which was signed by over 40,000 city of Milwaukee residents (roughly the number of people in your district).

Milwaukee workers without paid sick days are forced to make impossible choices between vital income and jobs on one hand, and caring for their own health or family health on the other hand. Yet the majority of middle-income workers cannot rely on paid leave, and three-fourths of low-wage workers have no paid sick leave.

This Milwaukee ballot initiative would allow workers to earn a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. This means that full time employees for large businesses will earn 72 hours a year (9 days for those working a 40 hour week); small businesses with fewer than 10 employees will only be required to provide 40 hours of paid sick leave a year (5 days for those working a 40 hour week)

Thank you for voting to support this essential legislation, For more information about the Paid Sick Days bill, visit <http://www.9to5.org/sickdays/>

Sincerely,

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