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Chair Holvey, Chair Dembrow, members of the committees,

My name is Lisana Medina, I live in Corvallis, I am an SEIU member and I work at Aramark Clean Rooms. I have worked at Aramark for five years. I am here to support earned sick days for myself, my co-workers and my family.

At Aramark we have 40 hours of earned sick leave but it's second day sick leave. Which means that for the first day you are out sick you don't get paid, unless you are hospitalized. Even if you have a doctors note for illness you only get paid for the days after the first day. Most of my co-workers and I try not to be out for longer then a day. I have had some stomach pains for a couple of months now and I am working with my doctor to try and figure out the problem, but two weeks ago I got really sick. I had to call out on Thursday and Friday, and even though I was working with a doctor I didn't get paid for sick leave on Thursday and used a vacation day.

Also our sick days are just for us. That seems reasonable, but I have two children a seven year old and a ten year old. Both of my kids are very healthy but my daughter got the stomach flu two weeks ago which meant a lot of diarrhea and vomiting. It was going around school and she picked it up. Right now I can't take a sick day to take care of my kids, even though I have sick days. I had to take my daughter to my sister who wasn't working at the time.

No one wants to take care of a sick kid, you can't take them to day care and if you put them in school then other kids get sick, but missing a day of wages for me means other difficult choices.

I hope that you will support the sick days bills because for working moms like me it will mean a lot for my family, and it will mean a lot for my co-workers.

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