

February 16, 2015

To: Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees
From: Anna H Petrov, RDN
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Re: Support of SB454 and HB2005

Dear Chairs Dembrow and Holvey and Committee Members,

My name is Anna Petrov, and I am a registered dietitian. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Paid Sick Days.

Before I became a registered dietitian I was a single mom and worked many low wage jobs trying to care for my child and get an education. There were many incidences when not have paid sick days affected my family very negatively. When my child needed surgery and I tried to get time off to care for her I was told I could not have the time off, resulting in me having to quit. Having to leave my job was very difficult for me to do as a single mom and left us very scared and insecure.

As a dietitian, my clients include lots of people who work without paid sick days. They work sick and risk damaging their health further and the health of others. At times my client have ended up in the emergency room because they pushed themselves to work sick. The lack of Paid Sick Days leaves my clients very vulnerable, as I was years ago.

I respectfully ask that you pass SB454 and HB2005 so that all working Oregonian have an opportunity to care for themselves and their families.

Thank you again for your time.