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## **32BJ SEIU CRITICIZES LAMONT'S STANCE ON SICK LEAVE**

**Statement by 32BJ SEIU Connecticut State Director Kurt Westby on Need for Paid Sick Leave**

“Does Ned Lamont really believe that Connecticut doesn’t need a paid sick leave policy?” said Kurt Westby. “Too many workers are forced to choose between going to work sick or losing a pay day. As a result, too many working men and women put off seeing a doctor or taking their kids to one because they can’t take off from work. Not only is this situation bad for sick workers and their families, but it puts other workers and the public at risk of contracting infectious illnesses. 32BJ is fighting for paid sick leave in Connecticut because it is critical to keeping our state and our economy healthy.”

32BJ SEIU represents nearly 5,000 commercial cleaners, property service and food service workers in Connecticut. It represents 120,000 workers on the East Coast and is the largest property service union in the country.

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