



Media Advisory for Monday, March 12th, 2018

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**Dozens of Workers, Small Business Owners,
Diverse Advocates will Attend Assembly Labor Committee Hearing this Monday in
Support of Earned Sick and Safe Days Bill will Join Asw. Lampitt and Sen. Weinberg for
Media Availability Immediately Following Hearing**

Highland Park -- In coordination with the New Jersey Time to Care Coalition (www.njtimetocare.org), workers who lack access to paid sick days, and advocates representing women, parents, low wage workers, labor unions, seniors, victims of domestic violence, people with disabilities, supportive small business owners and medical professionals will attend the Assembly Labor Committee meeting this coming Monday (March 12th) for the first hearing this session on legislation to discuss and advance A1827 / S2171, the New Jersey Earned Sick and Safe Days Act. The meeting will be held in Committee Room 15 on the 4th Floor of the State House Annex at 10am.

Immediately following the hearing, all attending will gather in Committee Room 12, 4th Floor in the Annex. Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt and Senator Weinberg will re-cap the hearing and address next steps on the bill. Workers, advocates and business owners will also be available for one-on-one interviews.

“Workers should stay home when they are sick, and parents should keep sick kids home from school. No one should lose a day’s pay or a job over one bout of the flu. The time has come to take action on this badly needed policy. We are thrilled that the bill sponsors and the legislative leaders in both houses are moving forward with a pro-worker and more family friendly New Jersey,” **said Dena Mottola Jaborska, Associate Director at New Jersey Citizen Action and Co-Convener of the New Jersey Time to Care Coalition.**

WHAT: Media Availability
WHERE: Committee Room 12, State House Annex
WHEN: Monday, March 12th, immediately following Assembly Labor Committee
WHO: Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37)
Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt (D-6)
Workers who lack paid sick days
Advocates
Small business owners
All available for comment

Background

The NJ Earned Sick and Safe Days Act (A1827/S2171) would ensure all workers in New Jersey have access to paid sick days to use for themselves when they get sick, or to care for sick family members. The bill also establishes minimum standards governing how all workers in New Jersey can accrue and use paid sick days, and how much paid sick time workers can accrue. More than 1 million New Jersey workers have no access to paid time off for illness.

Additional New Jersey workers have some, but not enough access to paid sick time, or face barriers to using their paid time off when it is needed. The legislation also allows paid sick time to be used by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and by parents to attend meetings at school to address academic or medical needs.