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New Jersey Assembly Budget Committee Advances Earned Sick Days Legislation

Trenton, NJ -- Today the New Jersey Budget Committee voted YES on A2354, Earned Sick and Safe Days Legislation. The Committee's action sets the stage to advance efforts to create a strong earned sick days standard for New Jersey that will strengthen families, protect public health and boost the economy.

The New Jersey Time to Care Coalition and its over 100 members and allies applaud the bill sponsor, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, the Assembly Budget Committee members, and Assembly Speaker Prieto for their unwavering resolve to provide all New Jerseyans with earned sick days.

The legislation will allow all New Jersey workers to earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked; workers in establishments with 10 or more employees will be able to earn a required standard of 9 paid sick days per year; workers in establishment with fewer than 10 employees will earn a required minimum of 5 paid sick days per year. Businesses that have paid time off and vacation time policies that are provided in the same amounts and that can be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as under the proposed earned sick days law wouldn't have to change their policies.

"When you get sick, you shouldn't need to worry about losing pay or even your job." said Phyllis Salowe-Kaye, Executive Director of NJ Citizen Action and spokesperson for the New Jersey Time to Care Coalition. "We thank the Assembly Budget Committee for their commitment to advance the right of all workers to be guaranteed a basic standard of earned sick days."