

Chair Riley and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 588. My name is Paul Philpott.

I am writing to offer support for SB 588 because it represents a common-sense solution for helping to ensure that workers are no longer excluded from being able to access basic earned sick leave standards and employment protections that currently apply to most all sectors today. We know that when workers do not have paid time off, they are 1.5 times more likely to go to work even when they have a contagious illness. That is why we cannot wait any longer to close the loophole in the current Paid Sick Leave law to ensure that union members hired through hiring halls are able to stay home when they are sick or care for their loved ones when needed.