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Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and City Council Members,

As business owners and employers in Austin, we know the importance of providing good jobs and supporting our city's economy. Businesses do best when workers are safe, happy, and healthy.

We recognize that our employees are not only Austin's workforce-- they are also parents, customers, innovators, and neighbors. By ensuring all working people have the opportunity to earn paid sick days, our entire community and economy can grow stronger.

No one should have to choose between paying the bills or taking care of themselves or a loved one when they're sick. The City of Austin can prevent the escalation of illness and transmission to others through a citywide paid sick days policy.

A citywide paid sick days policy will also help level the playing field so that employers who do the right thing by their employees won't be at a competitive disadvantage. Giving working people the time to take care of themselves and their loved ones when they're sick is good for Austin families and our community as a whole.

A recent study by the Institute for Women's Policy Research found that 37% of workers in Austin can't earn paid sick days. We know that as a community, we can do better.

We support the City of Austin creating a policy that would give all working people in Austin a chance to earn paid sick days. We hope you will, too.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

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