

From: Pepper, James [James.Pepper@vermont.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 5:45 PM
To: Allen, Susan
Subject: FW: Paid Sick Leave Campaign Update

[FYI – here’s a decent update on paid sick from the field.](#)

From: Annie Accettella [mailto:annie@voicesforvtkids.org]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 3:35 PM
To: Pepper, James <James.Pepper@vermont.gov>
Subject: Paid Sick Leave Campaign Update

Hi James,

Happy New Year!

Just wanted to give you a quick update on the Paid Sick Days Campaign. Our campaign has been hard at work on the grassroots level building broad based support among both businesses and workers. We have over 200 businesses across the State who are part of the Earned Sick Leave Coalition and thousands of signatures on our paid sick leave petition in our target Senate District and many published letters to the editor in key news publications.

In addition to the ongoing constituent work, we will of course have a team at the Statehouse this year. Rebecca Ramos and Lindsay DesLauriers and myself will be around. Our vote count is looking good. Senator Campbell recently announced his support of the bill and he is very enthusiastic about it. The last time we spoke we asked if it would be possible for the Governor to speak with Senator Sears on this issue. Is that still a possibility? Our other targets that we are working on moving are Senators Campion, Nitka and Snelling. I will probably have better information on where they are at now in the next two weeks once we check in with them.

I just remembered that I was supposed to send you stories for a possible State of the State consideration. I know its very late in the game now, but I was wondering if that is still a possibility? I would be happy to forward the stories along. With the broad support among businesses/general public I think it would be a good issue for the governor.

My other question is about a story I saw on WCAX. We have heard the the Lake Champlain Chamber will be proposing that businesses originating in Vermont have a longer time to implement paid sick days. Tom Torti mentioned this when he was with the governor in what looked like a press conference. Just wondering where the governor is on this and if he knows about it.

Sorry I know this is kind of a lot and you must have a million other things on your plate. Thanks so much!

Feel free to give me a ring at 518 729-0878.

Best,
Annie

On Sep 25, 2015, at 2:45 PM, Pepper, James <James.Pepper@vermont.gov> wrote:

I will come to you. I've got a couple of people I can meet with later in the day.

Look forward to meeting you both!

From: Lindsay DesLauriers [<mailto:lindsay@mainstreetalliance.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Pepper, James
Cc: Annie Accettella
Subject: Re: Introduction

Actually my office is on Church Street in Burlington - I'm happy to come to Montpelier to your office or to host here in Burlington.

Whatever you prefer will work on our end!

Lindsay

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On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 2:40 PM, Pepper, James <James.Pepper@vermont.gov> wrote:

1pm on the 6th is great! I'm happy to come to you. Are you in Montpelier?

From: Lindsay DesLauriers [<mailto:lindsay@mainstreetalliance.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:37 PM
To: Pepper, James
Cc: Annie Accettella
Subject: Re: Introduction

Whoops! forgot to copy Annie to confirm 1:00 on the 6th.

Thanks again - sorry for the double e-mail.
Lindsay

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On Fri, Sep 25, 2015 at 1:44 PM, Lindsay DesLauriers

<lindsay@mainstreetalliance.org> wrote:

Hi James,

That sounds great. Thank you for reaching out.
How about the morning of October 6th? I'm free all morning if you want to name a time.

Thanks,
Lindsay

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On Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 9:49 AM, Pepper, James <James.Pepper@vermont.gov>
wrote:

Hi Lindsay,

I wanted to email quickly to introduce myself. I am taking over for Aly Richards here in the Governor's office and was hoping we might be able to get together soon to talk about paid sick leave. The week of October 5th is fairly free for me. Please let me know what you think and if there is a date/time you would suggest.

Thanks!

James

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