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Governor Ned Lamont  
Office of the Governor  
210 Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Governor Lamont:

I am writing to thank you for your letter dated September 23, 2019 and express my strong support for calling a special session to address the growing number of lawsuits Connecticut restaurants are facing as a result of a discrepancy in the advice provided by the Connecticut Department of Labor and state statute.

As you are aware, three caucuses of the General Assembly and your office are in agreement that we need to act in a special session to approve language negotiated by all parties. I am supportive of holding a public hearing on the negotiated language next week, and holding a special session shortly after to ensure this is addressed as quickly as possible while also giving all parties the opportunity to weigh in.

If we do not act soon, restaurants in Connecticut will close, jobs will be lost and workers will suffer.

I have previously written to Senate Democrats to ask them to closely consider the negotiated language and allow this process to move forward. I fear that the stranglehold of certain union representatives has made the Senate Democrat caucus fearful of taking any action on this issue. This is beyond disappointing, as the people who will suffer most in this situation if nothing is done are the restaurant workers across our state.

Thank you for urging action. I am in full support of moving this process forward immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Len Fasano".

Len Fasano  
Senate Republican Leader

cc: Ryan Drajewicz, Chief of Staff  
Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore  
Representative Joe Aresimowicz, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Representative Themis Klarides, House Republican Leader