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CNBC Quotes Arlene Kline on National Wage and Hour Issue, Paid Sick Leave

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Arlene Kline was quoted by *CNBC* in the story titled, “For Millions of Workers, Getting Sick Doesn’t Pay,” which addresses the absence of a national policy that provides paid sick leave to U.S. workers. New York became the most recent city— after Portland, San Francisco, Washington, and Seattle— to pass a law that provides workers with paid sick time. Kline highlighted some common concerns among employers, explaining why this benefit is not widespread.

Kline was quoted, “It’s difficult for many businesses, especially the smaller ones, to provide paid sick leave because of the costs. And with a still uncertain economic climate, many businesses still fear they could be back in a recession and their revenues will be even lower than now. It hits certain industries harder, like the restaurant industry, because there are administrative costs as well as having to cover peoples’ shifts who are out, and the loss of productivity from people being out sick.”

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