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**Attorney General Richard Blumenthal
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Re: Legislation Prohibiting Certain Non-Compete Clauses

Dear Attorney General Blumenthal,

I would to express my full support for your proposed legislation banning the use of non-compete agreements in our state and to model our state's employment agreement laws solely based on confidentiality agreements similar to those found in the business and technology industry friendly states of California and Florida.

I would like to offer my own personal situation as a perfect example of why your legislation is so needed in our state.

I was the former Vice President of Technology Operations for a successful Hartford based company called TyMetrix. TyMetrix processes billions of dollars worth of legal invoices on behalf dozens of Fortune 500 corporations and major insurance carriers, many of which are based on our state.

From 2004 and into early 2005, I became aware that our company's senior executives were lying to our clients and our parent company, CT Corporation, regarding our company's level of Sarbanes-Oxley audit compliance controls and standards. This placed our client's own levels of Sarbanes-Oxley compliance at significant risk and exposed our company and our client's to the significant threat of litigation.

I raised this issue with our parent company, CT Corporation, using own formal written and confidential whistleblower policies which guaranteed no retaliation if an employee wished to report a concerns regarding business malfeasance. Instead, I was immediately wrongfully terminated in March of 2005 for raising these issues.



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What has ensued since then is a two-year campaign of CT Corporation and their owners, Wolters-Kluwer, abusing the state's legal system in a campaign of legal harassment against me which has ruined my career, ruined my marriage and prevented me from starting a new company to try and get back on my feet to support my family and get a fresh start.

They have done this by hiring a powerful high-priced law firm out of Chicago and paying them over \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS to go after me to silence me and to harass me using a horribly dated non-compete agreement I signed with the original owners of TyMetrix back in July 2002, when we were just a small start up company with only 32 employees.

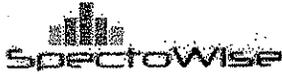
CT Corporation and Wolters-Kluwer are using this dated non-compete agreement I signed five years ago, which they themselves invalidated, which doesn't even apply to what either I nor TyMetrix are in the business of doing today, to harass and ruin me and to prevent my new company from doing business in this state.

TyMetrix is now part of a \$4 BILLION dollar European conglomerate and I have and currently pose no threat to them whatsoever. On the other hand, they have destroyed my career and kept me from starting a new startup business that could be employing people in this state with good paying technology jobs.

Because of these high powered and high priced attorneys out of Chicago and their endless spin in court, they have needlessly tied up the state court system itself, they have managed to twist the truth of the situation and ruined me using this worthless non-compete agreement which they have literally pulled out of a trash can.

This is my story - and I'm still suffering from their abuses in the state and federal court system to this day - even though I have caused my former employer absolutely no harm whatsoever and they have never once shown any evidence in court to a judge of what harm I'm supposedly causing them.

This is why your legislation must be passed and has my full support, as well as those of my friends and other business leaders who work in the technology industry.



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If Connecticut wants to attract new business and mirror the success California and Florida and other states enjoy in attracting and growing new startup and entrepreneurial businesses – these onerous non-competes must go.

Corporations have shown they do not use them to protect themselves, but rather that they abuse them to harass employees, promote de facto slavery and hinder free trade and open commerce.

Confidentiality agreements can do the job of protecting corporate interests just fine without the shackles that come along with non-compete agreements.

Sincere Regards,

Peter T Szymonik

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter T Szymonik", with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

President
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