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Dear: Members of the Commerce Committee,

My name is Paul Knickerbocker and I am the Plant Engineering and Facilities Manager of The Siemon Company. Our company is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation privately owned manufacturer of Copper and Optical Fiber Based Telecommunications Cabling Systems and Components. Our company was established and has manufactured in Connecticut since 1903. We are a global company with our corporate headquarters and main manufacturing facilities located in Watertown employing about 480 local people. **I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS OUR COMPANIES STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB-5930. AN ACT CONCERNING SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT ANALYSES FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS.** I have handled the environmental concerns for The Siemon Company for over 20 years and have seen continual increase over the years of more and more regulations which have placed an ever increasing burden on small/medium sized manufactures here in Connecticut. I feel it is extremely important that the businesses here in Connecticut be offered the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding potential new state government regulations on businesses. We the businesses are the only ones that can provide the needed feedback to government on issues before they are considered for final approval. We the businesses are the ones that will need to administer new regulations on an ongoing basis once passed and we the businesses are the ones that will be saddled with the ongoing financial burden of these potential new laws. It only makes sense to allow us input.

Again I want you to know that The Siemon Company strongly supports HB-5930 and we hope the Commerce Committee will take this letter into strong consideration. Future growth and jobs could depend on passage of this bill.

Sincerely,  
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