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To the Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Christina Lavieri. I am the Vice President of the Sterling Engineering Corp. The company has been in the metal machining industry in Barkhamsted, CT since 1941.

I need not go into the details of why I am asking you not to support HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815. You know all the arguments.

The state of Connecticut **must** support business and industry. We have been blind, for far too long, to the fact that we must support manufacturing in our state. We cannot continue to treat manufacturing as dead. We have to support those companies that make **things**. We can't create wealth in any other manner.

Sincerely,

Christina Lavieri