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To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is John J. Gowac, Senior Vice President Administration/Treasurer at The Durham Manufacturing Company, 201 Main Street, Durham, CT 06422.

I am writing to voice my opposition to several tax bills before you which would seriously damage Connecticut's economy and our ability to compete and succeed here. These proposals would substantially increase our business costs and make it much harder for us to continue doing business in Connecticut. Specifically, we are opposing:

HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815

We urge you to reject these proposals and work with the business community to encourage economic development and job creation in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Gowac". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

John J. Gowac