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To Members of the Finance Committee:

RE: Tax Measures

My name is Elizabeth LaBonia and I am President and CEO of the Platt and LaBonia Company in North Haven, Connecticut. We are a small manufacturing company which mainly produces sheet metal products for the automotive industry and the retail market.

I am writing to express my opposition to several tax bills which I believe would seriously be damaging to Connecticut's economy and our ability to compete and succeed here. These proposals would significantly increase our business costs and make it much harder for us to continue to do business in Connecticut. We specifically oppose: HB-6348, HB- 6349, HB-6350, SB-807 and SB-815.

Our company is a third generation family business of 65 years. Never have we known such difficult and turbulent times in our country. The trickle down effect hurts everyone. This is a time when we need the help and support of our State Legislators to help the business and manufacturers. The above bills will only place added burden on us which will cause loss of jobs or the closing of companies that cannot meet the demands set before them.

I urge you to reject these proposals and work with the businesses to keep them alive, and to encourage job creation and economic development in Connecticut. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth LaBonia
President & CEO

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