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To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Jack Traver Jr., President of Traver IDC, a manufacturer, distributor, and electrical contractor located in Waterbury, CT. We have been doing business in Waterbury for 70 years and employ approximately 50 employees. In addition, I currently serve as President of the Smaller Manufacturers Association of Connecticut, Inc. The SMA is a trade association with about 120 members representing 6000 employees.

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

Our company, as well as many of the members of the SMA, is barely keeping our head above water. If we manage to make a profit in any given year, it is less than 1% to the bottom line. That being said, the average manufacturing wage in CT is nearly \$70,000.00. These are the best paying jobs in the entire state and the legislature needs to do everything possible to preserve each and every one of these jobs in CT. The effect of any of the above bills would be devastating to us and the manufacturing community and would turn us from profitable to operating in the red.

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

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

Jack Traver Jr.

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