

# **Connecticut Plywood Corporation**

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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Charles Dionisio, President of Connecticut Plywood Corporation, in West Hartford, Ct. We are distributors of interior building products.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

We have successfully provided paid sick time for all our employees since our Company's inception in 1956. Your mandated sick plan would seriously impair small businesses ability to service their customers. Most small businesses like ours do not and cannot hire additional people to fill in excessive absenteeism which causes additional strains on other employees. People chose their workplaces and are free to seek the work environment that works best for them. Businesses provide (competitively) benefits to attract employees that work best for its operations. We do not need government mandates to tell businesses how to operate.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Charles Dionisio