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To Members of the Labor Committee:

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.

Although we do not employ more than 50 people, this will also impact us (the small business) because we will have to provide this benefit in order to attract qualified employees. This will be an extreme hardship due to the fact that (1) when an employee is out, we have to hire expensive contract employees in the interim, (2) we do not have the availability of margin to cover this additional expense, and (3) this only encourages employee absenteeism that puts the small business at a disadvantage to compete in the market place.

We need to make Connecticut more business friendly if we are going to maintain our current businesses and appealing to attract new businesses.

Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

Gary R. Bergeron, President