February 4, 2009

To Members of the Labor Committee:

Re: Mandatory Paid Sick Leave

My name is Philip Borgia, Director of Human Resources at RSCC, 20 Bradley Park Rd., East Granby, CT 06026. RSCC (Rockbestos - Surprement Cable Corporation) is a private manufacturing company for over 90 years within the State of Connecticut.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave.

We currently employ almost 400 employees and to pass a bill such as this requiring mandatory paid sick leave would not only cause an extreme financial burden and loss of productivity to our Company, but would force us to layoff employees in order to meet the additional labor costs involved to support such a bill. I feel that the passing of this bill would adversely affect most employers in the State of Connecticut and would add to the increase in the unemployment rate already at an all time high. It certainly would not add to the economic increase that the State of Connecticut so desperately needs, and is certainly not construed as “friendly” legislation to a private employer.

As an employer in the State of Connecticut, we are requesting that HB-6187 be rejected.

I may be reached at (860) 653-8328.

Very truly yours,

Philip B. Borgia
Director of Human Resources