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To the members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Howard Goldfarb; I am the president of Leed Himmel Industries located in Hamden. We have been a Connecticut Company for 100 years.

I am writing to express my disbelief that in this economy you are considering the following bills HB-6348, HB-6349, HB-6350, SB-807, and SB -815. Connecticut, and for that matter most of the Nation's companies are suffering from a total collapse of the economy. Our business in particular has fallen to one half of the volume from as recently as 4 months ago.

We have a normal employment level of about 100 employees. Currently we have laid off or not replaced about 25 employees. The rest are for the most part only working 32 hours per week.

If these proposal are enacted the estimated cost to our company would be estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.00 annually. Additional taxes in any form are just not palatable at this time.

At the present time we are no longer profitable, and the prognosis is more of the same. How do you expect Connecticut companies to expend additional funds on taxes when we are already struggling to maintain the business we currently have.

I truly believe that when the corporate tax results come in later this year you are going to amazed at how truly bad the situation has become. The only way to truly solve this problem is a real reduction in spending. Which apparently state Government is unwilling to make. Private business is already reducing our expenses and cost by real deep and sever cuts, the state must do the same. And that apparently is not really happening.

It should also be noted that no other state requires most of these tax payments. That just continues the uncompetitive situation, which we have in Connecticut. Simply put our competitors do not have these costs.

If this and any other such bills, are allowed to pass there will not be any Manufacturing jobs left in Connecticut.

I urge you to reject these concepts.

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