

February 6, 2009

To Members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Peter Kent, CEO and Chairman of the Bicron Electronics Company in Canaan, CT. We design and manufacture highly engineered electronic products.

I am writing to voice my strong 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-6350 -- This bill virtually eliminates all exemptions to state's sales tax, including taxes for manufacturing machinery and equipment, and intercompany transfers, and sets the tax rate at 5%. This only adds to the cost of doing business and diverts funds away from job growth.

HB-6349 -- Extends the state sales tax to virtually all professional and business services (professional, insurance, occupational, personal). Again this only adds to the cost of business operations and takes funds away from job growth.

SB- 815 -- Places a two-year moratorium on the use of all corporate tax credits. Many businesses rely heavily on these credits to reinvest in their businesses.

HB-6348 -- Significantly restricts the ability of Connecticut companies to use corporate tax credits, and reduces the effectiveness of the credits.

SB-807 -- This bill would impose unitary reporting under Connecticut's corporation business tax. This will have a very negative on the economic competitiveness of Connecticut's wealth-creating industries.

These bills will reduce job growth and future investment in our state resulting in the potential significant loss of job growth and prolong the current economic recession.

As our state legislators, you must act responsibly to reduce cost of government and not impose additional taxes on business or residents. Especially during the worsening economic times when businesses and individuals are struggling for survival.

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

Very truly yours,

Peter B. Kent  
CEO and Chairman