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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Richard Creed, President of Creed Monarch, Inc., 1 Pucci Park, New Britain. We are a manufacturer of precision metal components and employ over 250 people. We have been in business in Connecticut for over 50 years.

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

Are you out of your collective minds? You propose what amounts to a 2.1% increase in payroll to cover pay for no work. This would be layered on top of what we must pay in overtime to the employee who performs the work for the absent employee. This isn't the state government we're talking about. This is a private business that has to compete in a world marketplace. My customers perceive that purchasing parts in Connecticut is a more expensive choice. This bill will now confirm their opinion.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Creed  
President