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To Members of the Labor Committee:

I am the president of Sterling Sintered Technologies, Inc. located at 249 Rockwell St. in Winsted, CT

I am writing to voice my opposition to House Bill 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.

In today's economic climate we are forced to cut costs, reduce price and add more value in order to maintain our current business level. I just left a sales meeting with a major customer who is looking for cost reductions. We have two meetings to attend next week with the same topic. We are competing against much larger businesses located in the Pennsylvania, Midwest and West Coast areas, and China. These regions along with China have been hit extremely hard by the auto industry. How can we maintain our competitive edge over our competition outside of Connecticut with the increased costs of the proposed paid sick leave bill?

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

Signed,

Roland Royer  
President  
Sterling Sintered Tech., Inc.

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