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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LABOR COMMITTEE:

MY NAME IS DEBORAH MURRAY, V.P. OF OPERATIONS AT WESTMARK CORPORATION, STERLING, CONNECTICUT.

I AM WRITING TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO HB-6187, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CONNECTICUT EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE SICK LEAVE. THIS PROPOSAL WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OUR BUSINESS COSTS AND COULD FORCE US TO RE-EVALUATE THE OTHER BENEFITS WE PROVIDE OUR EMPLOYEES.

WE ARE A SMALL COMPANY AND CANNOT AFFORD SUCH EXPENSES, WE ALREADY CARRY A SHORT TERM DISABILITY POLICY FOR OUR EMPLOYEES IF ANYONE WAS OUT FOR A SHORT TIME BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE COST EFFECTIVE FOR OUR CURRENT BUSINESS SITUATION. IT IS DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO TRY TO KEEP OUR BUSINESS THAT HAS BEEN LOCATED IN CONNECTICUT FOR 20 YEARS HERE AS THE TIMES ARE NOW.

WE UREGE YOU TO REJECT THIS PROPOSAL AND WORK WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO CONTROL LABOR AND WORKPLACE COSTS, SUCH AS HEALTH INSURANCE AND TAX COSTS IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

THANK YOU,

Deborah Murray
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