



February 3, 2009

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Chris Lukas, Chief Operations Officer at the iTech Solutions, Inc. a provider of Information Technology Professionals and staffing, consulting and recruiting services.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-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.

We are barely surviving now on the very thin hourly margins that we receive on our personnel now. The net effect of this change would be a reduction in pay that we offer to the individuals to offset the extra expense. Additionally any additional administration expenses would also cut into our operating margin.

As a small business struggling in this economy we need less governmental interference and regulations not more! We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed,

Chris Lukas
Chief Operations Officer
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