To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Marie C. Besson, Director of Human Resources at the Moore Center for Rehabilitation in Darien, CT.

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 currently employ approximately 60 full-time and part-time employees. We estimate the extra costs to our business by the passing of this bill will be $42,000, not including business interruption from the added incentive that employees will now have to call in sick. This shockingly high price tag will surely force us to reduce our hiring and even lay off workers. Please consider the burden this will place on all companies in these very tough economic times.

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

Signed,

Marie C. Besson
Director of Human Resources