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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Charles M. Frey. I am the President and CEO of Plas-Pak Industries, Inc., Norwich, Connecticut. I am writing to you 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 would force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees.

You seem to be doing your very best to chase manufacturing businesses, and their well paying jobs, out of the state. We've been in business in Connecticut for twenty-four years and currently employ on hundred forty-five people in Norwich. We provide our employees with medical insurance, nine paid holidays per year, a 401(k) plan and a Profit Sharing plan. If this bill passes, I'll have no choice but to lay off enough people to cover the costs mandated by it.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Charles M. Frey'.

Charles M. Frey
President and CEO
Plas-Pak Industries, Inc.