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To Members of Labor Committee:

My name is Pete Marandino and I am the owner of Marandino Foods in New Hartford.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187 which would require Conn. employers to provide sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees. I am having a hard enough time surviving doing business in Conn. We are losing jobs, we are losing population. My energy cost are outrageous. It seems every week some facet of my business expenses increases. Insurance, Workmans Comp. Unemployment contribution, property revaluations, Fuel surcharges. I am under the pressure to be competitive and everything around me goes up.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace cost in Conn. I love Connecticut but it is hard to do business here. Thank you

Pete A. Marandino