

# THOMPSON BRANDS

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February 3, 2009

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Mary Filippone, HR Manager, at Thompson Brands LLC, 80 South Vine Street, Meriden, Connecticut. Our company molds and packages chocolate novelties.

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.

At this point in time, ANY increase in costs to Thompson Brands will **SERIOUSLY** impact our ability to operate our business.

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

Sincerely,

Mary Filippone  
HR Manager