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To Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

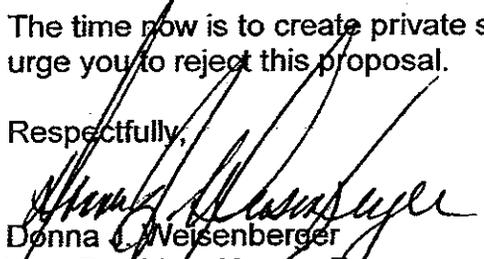
My name is Donna J. Weisenberger. I am Vice President of Human Resources at Plas-Pak Industries, Inc., Norwich, Connecticut. I am writing to you to voice my opposition to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave.

My human resources experience with New England companies is extensive. Unfortunately my career already includes relocating one company from Connecticut. It is my professional opinion that passage of this measure will result in reduction in benefits, reduction in workforce, more plant closures and business relocations. New employers looking to CT to build will look elsewhere. This bill creates no jobs but will do the contrary, making an already painful situation in Connecticut unbearable.

With the State unemployment rate approaching 9%, no money left in the kitty to pay unemployment benefits without a loan, and no significant new full time private sector jobs being created, this bill is ill timed and will result in even more workforce and benefit reductions. Companies will be forced to look at all other alternatives to remain competitive, including benefit reductions, wage freezes, and business relocation. My Employee Surveys indicate that our 140 employees, are happy with their jobs and benefits including medical, dental, vision, vacation, 9 paid holidays, 401(k) profit sharing plan, life insurance, supplemental life insurance, and optional short term disability insurance. They have been happy for 25 years. Let the free market system work and please don't unintentionally precipitate more job losses or drive more businesses from Connecticut by further increasing workplace costs. I and other business executives would be very happy to work with you and your committee in your efforts to make Connecticut the best place to work.

The time now is to create private sector jobs. This will do the opposite. I strongly urge you to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,


Donna J. Weisenberger
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