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To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Peter J Kelly at the Kell-Strom Tool Company located in Wethersfield CT. We are a small manufacturer that manufactures Specialized Aircraft Service Tools and contract machining. We have approximately 30 full time employees. We need the Lawmakers of Connecticut to make it easier and more attractive to do business in Connecticut. Every session small business owners worry that the House and Senate leaders will introduce legislation that will make it more costly and tougher to do business in Connecticut. We not only have to be competitive with our neighboring states and but also the must be competitive with the rest of the country. Please focus on bills that help create jobs, reduce taxes and cut Government spending.

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB-63, 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.

Small business owners do not have the ability to hire lobbyist and must hope that the lawmakers make smart choices and reject laws that will increase costs or taxes. Small business are the backbone of the Connecticut economy and many small businesses are optimistic about the future but are tentative about making major investments because the Health debate in Washington leaves uncertainty and larger Government would increase taxes and our debt would spiral out of control.

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

Signed,

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