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To Members of the Labor Committee:

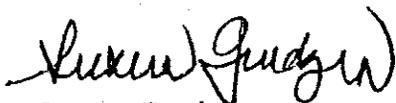
My name is Susan Grudzien, I am Vice President of Applied Mechanical Systems, Inc., a small HVAC & Plumbing contracting business located in Woodbury, CT, which I have run with my husband, Edward, since 1986.

I am writing today 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 other benefits we provide our employees such as health care. We have just received our health care renewal and find the premium is up over 30 percent. Our business had been thriving up until the end of 2009, when we had to permanently lay-off one of our valuable employees, now since the construction industry is at a virtual standstill, we are anticipating having to lay-off another long-time employee.

Although SB-63 is geared toward businesses with 50 or more employees, we are sure that it will only be a matter of time before it effects smaller businesses like ours. Therefore, in order to keep our small businesses going during this recession, it is imperative that legislators value their contribution to the state and not put any more burdens on employers by paying employees for time they are not working, especially now when there is little or no work to be found!

We urge you to reject this proposal and begin to really listen to those you represent and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Thank you,



Susan Grudzien
Vice President

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