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To Members of the Labor Committee:

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.

We currently give our employees 1 day of pay for each quarter of work time. Here is our experience:

1. Our good employees seldom use the time but take the money instead.
2. Some employees take the time as soon as its earned.
3. Some employees attempt to borrow against it before it is earned.
4. In all cases this just is just another way of increasing their compensation.

Being a small business of less than 50 employees **you would think we would not be effected by this bill, but this will force us to give this extreme benefit** in order to attract good employees.

In this economy, **this state cannot afford to have another strike against it** for doing business here!

Please vote against this bill!

Thank You!

Gary R. Bergeron, President