

February 23, 2010

Labor & Public Employees Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: SB-63 An Act mandating Employers to Provide paid Sick Leave

Dear Committee

My name is John L. Zoldy/President-Co-owner HDB Inc. 150 Price Road Winsted CT 06098

As president and co-owner of HDB Inc, I am strongly **AGAINST** SB-63. My associate and I purchased the assets of Homer D. Bronson on 5/1/09 and have continued operations with a reduced work force. We continue to work hard to re-build this 171 year old manufacturer. The rising costs of taxes, health care and commodity items continue to pull back on our progress. The additional burden SB-63 would place on our organization, approx \$16,000 annually, will certainly lead to negative changes in our current employment structure.

These are very difficult times, where having a job with benefits is a plus. Let us, the small employers work independently with our people to do what is best for each of our organizations.

John L. Zoldy
HDB Inc. (dba The Homer D. Bronson Company)

Years in Business 10 months**

**HDB purchased the assets of The Homer D. Bronson Company (est. 1839)

Sincerely,

John L. Zoldy

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President/Co-owner
HDB Inc.