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Labor & Public Employees Committee
Legislative Office Building
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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Larry J. Becker, President of Reidville Hydraulics & Mfg., Inc., 175 Industrial Lane, Torrington, CT 06790

I am writing to request that you **oppose Senate Bill 63** - An Act Mandating Employers Providing Paid Sick Leave to all employees. This proposal will significantly increase the cost of business and if passed will force us to reconsider other employee benefits we offer our employees in order to offset these mandated costs.

Having struggled to survive the (continuing) global economic meltdown, we are fortunate to have some very promising near term opportunities to recover lost revenue and add jobs to the Connecticut work force. To have these opportunities, we have had to be very creative and competitively priced. Should bills like SB-63 pass, this will only help to erode slim margins and seriously jeopardize our ability to sustain operations in Connecticut.

Preventing the passage of this bill is crucial to the future well-being of our economy and to all residents of Connecticut. The passage of this bill would **not** make Connecticut a very attractive place to do business. We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Thank you for your support,

Larry J. Becker

President