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To Members of the Labor Committee:

Re: Senate Bill 63

Please accept this letter in opposition to Senate Bill 63. I am an attorney with a General Practice located in Hamden, CT and have many businesses as clients. My manufacturing, retail and restaurant clients are all opposed to this provision as it will kill business and jobs here in Connecticut.

I also am also opposed to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid leave for every 40 hours that Part Time people work. This is a completely destructive anti-business, anti-employee and anti-job Bill. I cannot see a single long term benefit to this Bill, which will most certainly result in employers with over 50 employees cutting back on positions so as to limit this exposure. It will also force employers with close to 50 employees to cut employees to get under the 50 employee minimum threshold of the Bill.

What will be the result? In the short term, many Part-time workers will be laid off. New Part-time positions will not be made available. In the long term, less people will be employed, businesses will be forced out of business as their labor costs dramatically rise. Those businesses that survive the short term destruction that this Bill will cause, will certainly relocate to a more business friendly State.

All this during a economic downturn where we need to generate jobs, not kill them!

It is time to stop attacking the business community in this State and instead spend your efforts developing way to help small business create jobs here in Connecticut. I urge you to do so before there are no jobs left here for Connecticut citizens.

Please reject Senate Bill 63.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven P. Ciardiello, Esq.

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