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From: Littmann, Lori on behalf of PHC Testimony
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 7:45 AM
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Subject: FW: Please vote NO to House Bill 6322, State Pharmacy Purchasing
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From: Bridgeport Pharmacy [mailto:lpudipeddi@bridgeportpharmacy.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:20 PM
To: PHC Testimony
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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

With reference to the House Bill 6322 which is due to be presented in the joint session on Monday Feb 14th 2011, I hereby request you to OPPOSE the bill as it puts the very existence of the pharmacies especially the small business in jeopardy.

I am a small business pharmacy owner who started Bridgeport Pharmacy in August 2008 with 1 pharmacist, 1 technician and 1 driver and provided services like Free Delivery, Free Pick Up and built the business brick by brick. My staff and I provided the best of the services despite of narrow profit margin and 2 substantial budget cuts in the past two years.

Today Bridgeport Pharmacy employs 17 people providing services to elderly, disabled, cancer patients, mental health patients and many others. We deliver approximately 150-200 prescriptions a day rain or shine, snow or sleet.

Please understand that the outcome of this bill 6322 if enacted would be a death blow to my small business and I cannot afford to offer the above said services and risk terminating the employees. Majority of my employees have dependents that enjoy a comfortable living due to their employment with Bridgeport Pharmacy and upon termination due to enactment of this bill would be forced to go on unemployment thereby putting more pressure on the state's economy.

I agree with the members of the committee that tough times mandate tough decisions and sacrifices and we the pharmacy community took major cuts and worked with minimal margins. I became an entrepreneur in this great state with a vision to help and succeed and till date I never fell short. But this House Bill 6322 would force me out of business and can have a domino effect of affecting the lives of 50 plus people.

I am just one small pharmacy in one city in Connecticut and please visualize the effect of this bill on the entire state.

So, please vote NO to the House Bill 6322, i.e. State Prescription Drug Purchasing and save the

livelihood of employees, their dependents and the jobs.

Sincerely,

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