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Re: HB 6619

Dear Chairman Coleman, Chairman Fox and Ranking Members Hetherington and Kissel:

I am writing to express our strong concerns and opposition to HB 6619. This bill would create a new and unjustified cause of action against many American employers, fueling business uncertainty, potentially disrupting our supply chains and undermining the competitiveness of U.S. firms. We ask that you vote against this legislation.

This bill raises many significant concerns. American businesses that inadvertently buy from companies alleged to be using unlicensed software could be unjustly penalized. The onerous remedies in the bill – including monetary damages, potential seizure of products, and injunctions barring sale of products in the state – would invite baseless and burdensome litigation that could be used in an anti-competitive manner. At a time when our national focus is getting Americans back to work, the significant supply chain disruptions that could result from this legislation could cost American employees their jobs and halt American exports.

There is potential negative impact that comes from the bill's attempts to control transactions and operations that take place wholly outside of the state of Connecticut, and may have implications on General Motors' complex supply chain. GM has over 2,000 suppliers globally and American jobs depend upon successful delivery of parts coming from all over the world.

The potential negative impact also comes from burdens that the bill will place on General Motors' interstate commercial activities. We have concerns that the bill aims to affect General Motors' interstate transactions,



the vast majority of which transpire entirely outside of this state. Our concern is that these transactions could be subject to control under this bill and that the bill aims to completely refashion certain rules governing these transactions.

For these reasons, I strongly and respectfully urge you to vote against this legislation.

Sincerely,

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