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Ct Labor Committee Members
SB 913

Dear Labor Committee Members:

As the owner of a mid size (90 employee) manufacturing company, I wish to impress upon you the fact that manufacturers like ourselves, as well as many even larger employers, are having a very difficult time competing with companies located in lower cost areas both domestic and global. When you walk into a store today and see only Chinese imports, you can understand where the jobs that once made Connecticut a vibrant and rewarding place to live have gone.

For the past three decades Connecticut jobs and companies have been, and continue to relocate to more business friendly states and countries that welcome and support business and industry in order to gain and build tax revenue.

I urge you to vote "No" to SB913 because of the detrimental effect it will have on our state's business climate - driving more jobs out of Connecticut. In business we learn to build our customer base or we sacrifice growth and eventually die. In order to regain the vibrant economy that helped to build Connecticut, we need to attract businesses, not discourage it.

Sincerely,


Richard Bouffard