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300 Capitol Avenue
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairman Tercyak & Chairman Gomes and Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

On behalf of Stop & Shop Supermarket Company LLC, ("Stop & Shop"), I am writing to you concerning H.B. 6791 "An Act Concerning Worker's Wages at Large Corporations". Stop & Shop is one of the largest employers in the state of Connecticut with more than 13,820 full and part-time union associates. We have 94 stores in state of Connecticut and look forward to continuing to be a vital part of each community in which we operate in the state.

Stop & Shop opposes H. B. 6791 because it places an unfair burden on employers. We provide comprehensive benefit packages which have been specifically negotiated with and agreed to by our union associates. Connecticut is still recovering from the recession and has an unemployment rate of 6.4 percent.

The proposed tax will be cost prohibitive, increase the cost of food products and will negatively impact the company. Our goal is to continue to grow in the state. We are committed in providing a jobs, community support and offering a variety of quality, affordable food products to citizens of Connecticut.

We strongly urge you to not support H.B. No. 6791.

Sincerely,

Donald Sussman
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