

## It's Time to Speak Out

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Horst Engineering has remained committed to Connecticut for 69 years despite an increasingly challenging economic climate. We value the educated workforce, proximity to our core customer base, and sophisticated supply chain, but the high cost of doing business continues to threaten our prospects. We find new and innovative ways to compete, but our hiring and investment would be more robust if taxes, fees, and regulations were lower. An even more important factor is the lack of general support for small business and manufacturing. Unfortunately, many legislators don't demonstrate strong enough support for business and the needs of entrepreneurs. When they miss the mark, they miss an opportunity to support the engine of our economy. Passing legislation that increases our high tax burden even more will only have a negative effect. Fueling government spending with additional revenues raised on the backs of hard-working entrepreneurial businesses is a backwards approach at a time when we can't afford to saddle our state with poor decision-making by self-serving politicians.

Regards,

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