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Dear Representative,

I am writing you to express my concern with SB 1617 as a dry cleaning customer. I have been going to dry cleaners to get my clothes cleaned and pressed. In this tough economy I could not afford my dry cleaning raising their prices or closing down. The convenience to stop by before or after work with the friendly service of the owner has made me come back for years. I would not want to lose that comfort and quality. Please re examine the bill that bans the use of Perchloroethylene in Illinois dry cleaners. This bill may put my dry cleaners work at risk.

Dry cleaning is one industry where small business owners have been able to compete against the large corporations. This is due to the attention to detail put into the business by owner/operators of dry cleaners, and the dedication and commitment to their business. Unfortunately, all of that may not matter if they are forced to compete with big business on their turf, raising cash for very expensive new equipment. As a customer I was not aware that dry cleaners were going to be forced to change machines and solvent by the state when there is not a good alternate solvent currently on the market.

My dry cleaners have been telling me that they are struggling to survive due to the recession. Therefore it would be my conclusion that they cannot afford to buy new \$70,000 machines now, and likely will not be able to afford a new machine in the years after the recovery starts. When you vote on SB 1617, please vote for small businesses and please vote NO.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Name _____

Valued customer of

Cleaners Name _____

Cleaners Address _____
