

New Business Relocations, Expansions, Start Ups In Dover

March, 2009 to January, 2010

| <u>Business</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Sq. Ft.</u> | <u>Jobs</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| URT Corporation | 65 Industrial Park Dr. | 100,000 | 90 to 150 in 2010 |
| VXI Corporation | 271 Locust St. | 16,800 | 49 |
| Agility Electronics | 279 Locust St. | 15,000 | 20+ Expansion |
| RKG Associates, Inc. | 634 Central Ave. | 4,000 | 7 |
| HE-Innovations, Inc. | 273 Locust St. | 5,000 | 5 to 12 in 2010 |
| Accutech Marine Propeller | 24 Crosby Rd. | 3,750 | 4 |
| Northeast Office Furniture | 25 Horne St. | 10,000 | 3 |
| Seacoast Property Rescue | 30 Crosby Rd. | 1,250 | 2 |
| Residential Color & Design | 32 Crosby Rd. | 1,250 | 2 |
| <u>Southside Fitness, Inc.</u> | <u>276 Locust</u> | <u>5,600</u> | <u>2 to 4 in 2010</u> |
| TOTALS: 9 Companies | | 162,650 | 184 to 253 in 2010 |

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To: The Judiciary Committee of the New Hampshire House of Representatives:

Concerning HB 1255

This bill would alter the principle of proportionality in cases where damages are awarded. In short, it would allow a party who was responsible for the damages award to settle for an amount significantly less than the award, leaving the balance of the award to be meted out to the other parties involved. Example. An accident occurs involving a civilian who had been texting, a civilian who was on their cell phone and a police car coming away from a green light who is pushed into a third stopped automobile. The overall fault of the aggrieved results in an award of \$100,000 to the stopped car. In the rule of proportionality, the proper assessment of fault might be 45% to the texter, 45% to the cell-phone user and 10% to the police car. However the attorneys 'settle' with the texter and the phoner for \$10,000 each, leaving \$80,000. If the rule of proportionality is dropped as HB 1255 does, the \$80,000 balance would be paid by the municipality. Essentially, this bill opens the deepest pocket to the attorneys. It should not pass.

This is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Dover NH and it is urged that this bill will be determined to be 'Inexpedient to legislate'.

Unfortunately the last time this bill left the Judiciary Committee, it was recommended to be voted for to the House membership with the advice that it would make court costs less expensive. Fortunately, the bill was not signed by Governor Lynch the last time and hopefully it will not even get out of Committee this time.

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