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Dear Appropriations Committee Members:

Delta Industries is seeking your fiscal support for the Manufacturing Training Center (MTC) at Asnuntuck Community College.

Delta Industries, a solid supporter and member of Connecticut's aerospace manufacturing community, fabricates high technology aerospace parts. Delta Industries relies on Asnuntuck Community College to supply the next generation of well trained CNC machinists and TIG welders to replace the soon-to-retire baby boomers. Without new employees from the MTC, Delta Industries will not be able to meet customer demands and high technology work may be lost to other states or even overseas. Delta Industries also uses MTC instructors to aid in improving incumbent workers skills by teaching job related classes on-site at Delta Industries.

For the past 10 years, Delta Industries has supported the MTC from its birth to the mature training center it is today. The MTC has become the one Connecticut post secondary institution capable of training CNC machinists and TIG welders in the high technology skills needed for fabricating aerospace hardware.

As a member of the MTC Advisory Board, Delta Industries has seen the MTC grow to meet industry and manufacturing needs and then respond positively to changes in those needs. Delta Industries has employed a number of MTC graduates and all are doing well. Delta Industries looks forward to the graduates continued growth.

The MTC is an excellent educational facility due, in part, to the strong financial support it receives from the state of Connecticut. Continued state support for the MTC will help provide the staffing needed by Connecticut companies to compete in the global market place. Continued state support for the MTC will help keep high technology jobs in Connecticut.

Delta Industries is pleased to recommend continued state funding for the Manufacturing Training Center at Asnuntuck Community College. Your support will provide the funding necessary for Asnuntuck Community College to continue being the best post secondary training facility in Connecticut as it supports the Connecticut manufacturing community.

Sincerely,

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