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To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Christopher Abbamonte and I am the CFO of APS Technology, Inc. I am writing in support of the proposed Innovative Technology Insertion (ITI) program; Bill 1021.

I can tell you without hesitation there are two challenges impacting the growth of manufacturing in Connecticut; we need to continually adopt advanced technologies to stay competitive and we need a skilled workforce capable of effectively utilizing the advanced technology.

I am aware of two bills the Commerce Committee approved in prior sessions that have helped manufacturers conduct manufacturing process improvement projects to strengthen competitiveness of this important manufacturing sector. The proposed ITI will further strengthen our state's manufacturers by providing companies like mine access to advanced technology.

We were fortunate to engage with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) under the prior ITI pilot program; that provided a funding subsidy for a machining improvement project. This project allowed us to reduce the machining time of a part from 100 Hours to 80 Hours; hence increasing our capacity and lowering our operating cost.

Approving funding for the continuation of the Innovative Technology Insertion (ITI) program will help keep good technical jobs in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Christopher Abbamonte
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