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Re: Innovative Technology Insertion (ITI) Program (Bill 1021)

Date: March 6, 2013

My name is Tim Coppage and I am the President of The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce. I am writing in support of the proposed Innovative Technology Insertion (ITI) program; Bill 1201.

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 access to advanced technology.

The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce supports this bill as necessary for the financial health and future growth of our manufacturing sector of community and our state.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Coppage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Timothy Coppage
President

The East Hartford Chamber of Commerce