

Respected Committee Members,

I would like to introduce first myself, I am Cyndi Zoldy, Executive Director for the Smaller Manufacturers Association of Connecticut (known as the SMA) and I advocate for the 130 area manufacturers that are represented in our membership who will be the prospective employers for the NVCC students of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center upon graduation.

I have recently taken an office at NVCC to partner our organization with NVCC to try to assist in placement and advancement of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center and its students. As an advocate of local manufacturers, we encourage the council to make some changes to the curriculum to address our specific manufacturing needs. The basic changes I am requesting are course material and machinery to include deep draw press(s) and EDM machines which are common place among manufacturers in the Greater Waterbury area.

The request was made by the NVCC Advanced Manufacturing Council a group that I participate in in advocacy of my membership. I believe that the incorporation of these small changes of a modified course content and some additional machines (as mentioned above) would better prepare the students at NVCC to the specific workforce demands of our area. My membership wants to hire these students, we just want to make the transition from NVCC Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center to our local workforce seamless.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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