



Submission to Commerce Committee, Connecticut state legislature

Re: Raised Bill No. 5271 - An Act Concerning Funding for the Advanced Manufacturing of Composite Materials in Connecticut

ABB is the global leader in power and automation technologies, and the company has witnessed firsthand the revolution in materials science and manufacturing technology in recent years. One example is 3D printing, which has gone from an exotic laboratory technique to mass market applications in just a few short years. Now, as noted in the testimony of the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT), composite materials are making inroads across a wide variety of industries.

ABB is closely monitoring the development of advanced composites because these materials are likely to become integral not only to our own business but to that of our customers. It is therefore imperative that US manufacturers build their understanding and capability in applying advanced composites in order to remain competitive in this burgeoning global market.

Accordingly, ABB fully supports the work of the CCAT's Advance Manufacturing Center and we encourage the Connecticut state legislature to approve funding for the Center's proposed advanced self-diagnostic machining cell.

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