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## Hearing of the Finance and Commerce Committees

### Testimony of Michael Polo, CEO/Founder

**ACMT, AdChem Manufacturing Technologies, Inc. (celebrating our 28<sup>th</sup> year)**

### **HB5465 The CT Aerospace Reinvestment Act**

Honorable Committee Members,

I am Michael Polo, the CEO and Founder of AdChem Manufacturing Technologies. My father and I started our small Aerospace manufacturing company 28 years ago located in Manchester CT. I grew up in Connecticut manufacturing. My dad, Paul Polo worked at Pratt & Whitney and had a second job at a small Connecticut Aerospace manufacturing company he eventually owned in 1978 and grew from 50 people to 545 people until he sold it in 2004 and came on board with us.

Securing Pratt and UTRC stay local is very important for us and the entire advanced manufacturing supply base for many reasons including but not limited to:

- We work very closely on all new development work
- We address issues locally as they arise
- We team up with other Connecticut manufacturers on product beyond our capabilities
- We advance our manufacturing shop floors with state of the art simulation technologies together.
- We use state of the art White Light inspection technology developed by CCAT
- We have a very bright future with all the new growth engines and military engine platforms
- We collaborate on quality issues and advancements
- Increase technologies together and implement on our shop floors
- Collaborate with UCONN and the local Universities and Community College system
- Use CCAT and CONN-STEP to advance manufacturing principles and capabilities
- Aerospace Components Manufacturers association is 83 Connecticut companies, \$2B sales and over 5,000 employees
- We have both paid internships and State accredited apprenticeship programs in place
- Being an OEM direct supplier, we secure and grow our subcontractor base and outside services partners such as heat treat, anodize, plasma spray, FPI, etc.
- Work closely with Pratt and Goodwin College on curriculum to train the future Aerospace workforce

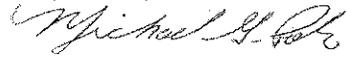
Where Pratt (the Original Equipment Manufacturer) goes the supply base goes with them.

So you see, we have in Connecticut all the pieces of the puzzle including CCAT, UCONN, CONN-STEP, ACM, Goodwin College, our Tech High Schools and Colleges which are critical for the growth and sustainment of Aerospace manufacturing to fulfill our vibrant future with collaboration from Pratt and UTC being located here in Connecticut.

**For these reasons, I strongly support HB5465, The CT Aerospace Reinvestment Act.**

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael G. Polo".

Michael G Polo  
President/Founder