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TO: Senator Musto,
Representative Jutila,
Members of the GAE Committee

On behalf of the members of MAC, the Manufacturing Alliance of Connecticut, I would ask for your support of SB 349 which will help to improve Connecticut's Regulatory Climate. We believe the bill would establish a uniform method of assessing the need and value of any new regulations promulgated in Connecticut. SB 349 would positively impact Connecticut businesses by requiring state agencies to:

- ❖ Explain why any new regulation is needed,
- ❖ Assess its benefits and the costs,
- ❖ Use the least burdensome means to accomplish the regulations objectives,
- ❖ Identify how the regulation will encourage economic progress and the development of jobs, and
- ❖ Provide economic incentives, performance standards, or other innovative tools to lessen the burden of the regulation.

On behalf of the manufacturing community in Connecticut, we urge committee passage of SB 349. Thank you for your consideration.