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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony on H.B. No. 5517-AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CONNECTICUT
MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE NEEDS.**

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce supports H.B. No. 5517-AN ACT
CONCERNING A STUDY OF CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE
NEEDS.

The Middlesex Chamber is a dynamic business organization with over 2,350 members that
employ over 50,000 people.

Our Chamber has an active Manufacturers' Council and a number of workforce development
initiatives. We hope to serve as a bridge between job seekers and employers, and look forward to
being a constructive partner in a study of Connecticut's manufacturing workforce needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important topic.

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NAACP Business Award