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#### **Testimony on rHB 5517 An Act Concerning A Study Of Connecticut Manufacturing Workforce Needs**

Dear Chairmen LeBeau and Perone, Ranking Members Frantz and Lavielle, and distinguished members of the Commerce Committee:

I am writing in support of rHB 5517, which would require a study of the workforce training needs of Connecticut's manufacturing industries. I am not aware of any comprehensive survey that has been done by a state agency to inquire of our manufacturing businesses specifically as to what training and what skill sets are required to meet the needs of our employers. I have spoken to businesses who have advised me that they have positions to fill and would like to hire, however they are unable to find the appropriately trained or educated candidates in Connecticut to fill those positions.

This survey will be helpful to our high schools, vocational schools, community colleges, manufacturing industry, and the legislature as both a short and long term tool to assist the state economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Cecilia Buck-Taylor