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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Testimony on S.B. 232-An Act Concerning the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Program

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce supports the concept behind S.B. 232-An Act Concerning the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Program. The Chamber supports the efforts of the Manufacturing Caucus and officially endorsed an expansion of the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Program through the creation of our 2014 Public Policy Agenda.

We applaud the Commerce Committee for pursuing the policy of eliminating the cap on the number of small manufacturers that may establish manufacturing reinvestment accounts, and eliminating the tax on withdrawals from such accounts.

We look forward to being a constructive partner, along with our members from the manufacturing community, in support of manufacturing in our state.

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

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