

**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Commerce Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 110
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony on SB 546- AN ACT EXTENDING THE MANUFACTURING
APPRENTICESHIP AND R.E. VAN NORSTRAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE
ACT TAX CREDITS TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.**

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is submitting testimony today to express support for SB 546.

On our 2015 Public Policy Agenda, the chamber supported pursuing policies that create a dependable pipeline of skilled talent to fill precision and advanced manufacturing jobs, in addition to sound apprenticeship policies that promote manufacturing as a viable and exciting career path.

This proposed bill includes key fixes on legislation that was adopted last year, and builds on efforts to allow pass-through entities to access key hiring incentives.

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

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on this important matter.