

Dear Legislature,

I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College and I am currently in the electro-mechanical program. This is a valuable experience for me to help me advance my career as an electrician. I can see this program helping many younger or even older people looking to learn a skill, or learn a new skill for a fresh career. Many education programs are already underfunded and to remove additional funding would even further limit the program's ability to make an impact on the workforce. In the future, many trades will be understaffed due to older workers retiring, and many high school graduates go straight to a college for a four year degree. This will cause a shortage of tradespeople, and this program is training people to fill that gap. Cutting costs now will prevent a lot of people from having a real shot at a good career in the future.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'William P. ...', written over the printed text 'Thank you'.

Cutting the funds of Asnuntuck would affect my future a lot because I could not be able to pay and to get my equipment that I need to persevere for my future and I would flunk because of this I ask to please do not cut the funds to Asnuntuck.

Josue.

*Josue*

Dear state legislator,

I'm a veteran currently attending asnuntuck community college. The faculty here and services are great for me getting back in to school. They run tutoring all day and have lots of job field experience. They also have up-to-date equipment for students to learn on. Budgets cuts mean less materials and tool to teach the students. Which directly correlates to the state workforce and that means less tax revenue. More people using government handouts and overall down grade to the state. Education is a need opportunity to help people grow and make better lives for themselves. So in summery please don't cut back on the education. It directly correlates to the well being of the state and for you to be reelected.

Sincerely,

Michael Keok

My enrollment at Asnutuck is important to me for many reasons. One of which is because it prepares me to work for a great work force with a reasonably good salary. Another reason my enrollment at Asnuntuck is important to me is because it gives me a good foundation to learn and grow off of. I would veary much so appreciate it if you didn't cut the funds off for Asnuntuck community college because I belive a good great deal of people leave Asnuntuck community college with great skills ready to enter the work force and thrive in todays society . I Believe it also creates equal opportunity for everybody.

To : the legislator

From : Willie Valentin

2/9/2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Willie V.", is positioned below the date. The signature is written in black ink and is somewhat stylized.

Dear Legislature,

Asnuntuck Community College is a fantastic opportunity for all college students looking to expand their knowledge at a low cost. I began the electromechanical program at Asnuntuck Community College in the Fall of 2015 and it has taught me a lot. Not only have I learned a lot through book work but thanks to the class for providing us with hands on equipment such as; PLCs, Armatrol Robots, Motor control systems and, Hydraulic and pneumatic devices I have learned a lot about field work which prepares me for future opportunities outside of the classroom.

Sincerely,

Austin G

(student at Asnuntuck Community College)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AG' with a flourish extending to the right.

To the state legislature,

My name is Andrew Pilkons, I am a manufacturing student in the electro mechanical program at Asnuntuck Community College. I have originally come from a private university pursuing a business degree. I had a change in heart with what I wanted to do and decided to pursue a different degree. I am grateful that Asnuntuck has such a flexible and open manufacturing program that is open to students of all abilities. It is vital that this program stays alive and funded because it provides qualified workers in a much needed field. In this state and in this country we need more welders, machinists, and technicians then we do a lot of careers one would pursue in a 4 year school. Please keep this in mind when you consider cutting funding for a program that so many students and employers need.

Sincerely

Andrew Pilkons

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Pilkons', written in a cursive style.

Dear Legislature,

Hi my name is Lorenzo Dunn Jr and I am happy to be in the electrical mechanical class at Asnuntuck Community College. I love doing things with computers and I have always wanted to build a robot and write software for them. This is my first semester at Asnuntuck Community College and im looking forward to achieving my goals and graduating so I could get a good internship and a nice paying job.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Dunn Jr

-Dear Legislature:

My name is Christian Mathiason and I graduated in December 2015 from Asnuntuck Community College in the Electro-Mechanical Maintenance program in the manufacturing department. I came here to Asnuntuck after losing my job in 2014. I signed up for the Electro-Mechanical Maintenance program not really sure of what to expect. In 1 year I learned an entirely new skillset, and am currently employed at Walgreens Distribution Center. It is because of this program that I have this job, it has quite literally changed my life, I went from losing my job to automation to being a guy whose job it is to repair and make sure the automation runs smoothly. This school and this program and department in my opinion is the best choice for people who want good jobs in the manufacturing field, and to make cuts would do an extreme disservice to students. Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Mathiason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

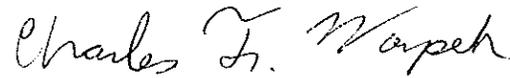
Christian Mathiason

2/9/2016

Dear Legislature,

I am attending Assnuntuck Community College in Enfield. I am an older student being trained, so I can find work , after a recent plant closing. Things are going well, but budget cuts could hamper my advancement towards gaining employment . I am counting on my training at Assnuntuck to get another job, and need this schooling to gain employment and support myself. Please do not cut any state support to Assnuntuck.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles F. Worpek".

Charles F. Worpek

2/3/16

*Dearest legislator,*

*My name is Krystal Williams, and I attend Asnuntuck Community College. I am a firefighter with Broad Brook FD, employed with Eppendorf manufacturing, attend school here at Asnuntuck, and am a full time mother and wife. I depend on my education here to further my skills at my main job to make a better future for my family and myself. With growing technology and a generation skills gap I believe it is vital to ensure these programs, classes, and professors exist. This college has already helped me tremendously in my skills in the short time I've been a student here, imagine the long run. This college offers various skills for all types of professions. Please do not cut any funding to this school. Many people like myself, complete opposite of me, from one ethnic background to another need and depend on our education here. Please hear my plea. We the students NEED these programs and classes!!! Please consider the negative effects. Thank you for your time.*

*Thank you,*

*Krystal Williams*



Dear Legislature,

The recent news that the Connecticut government is cutting funds for the community college system is disconcerting. The community college system allows people such as me, an adult looking to improve their knowledge and the opportunity to advance their career, income and quality of life. This short term fix you are implementing for the states financial issues cause a greater long term financial issue. These cuts directly affects the bottom line of the state treasury in the long term , the greater the income your citizens have, the more tax revenue you will receive, the more money they spend at local businesses, and generally a much better quality of life in the state. Asnuntuck offers these opportunities for people who cannot attend a 4 year school because of life responsibilities or financial reasons. I believe any services cut to Asnuntuck will directly impact the local economy. Please reconsider the decision to cut funding the Asnuntuck and the community college system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Ferreira', with a stylized, flowing script.

Daniel Ferreira

Dear Connecticut legislature,

Please, do not discontinue any of the current funding to Asnuntuck. I am currently involved in retraining for a job of the future and need all of the equipment and extra available training, that is given me through the school, This will help give me an advantage in the new world . I am a 50 year old man and need any help I can get to continue my advancement at work and life and remain off the state system.

MICHAEL SENECA  
*Michael Seneca*  
2-4-2016

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to express my concerns about funding cuts for Asnuntuck community college. I am a senior in high school and I attend Asnuntuck's manufacturing program. I am learning numerous valuable skills which I intend to apply in my future career in manufacturing. One day I hope to own and operate a manufacturing business in Connecticut. Connecticut has a rich history of manufacturing and the students who attend Asnuntuck are the future of our states manufacturing industry. I hope that you can see the value in our states technical programs. Without these programs our manufacturing industry will suffer in the long run. A funding cut made as a temporary solution to our budget problem is not the right solution, as it will have long lasting repercussions. Please do not reduce our funding so that Connecticut may continue to have a healthy manufacturing industry, and so our youth may continue receiving the training needed to begin a career in manufacturing.

Thank you,

Teddy Tavernier



Dear legislator,

I would like to address your plan on cutting funding to community college. I attend classes to advance my work skills so that I am a better asset to my employer and more valuable to them and the work force in Connecticut. The programs at this school offer skills needed in real life and would greatly miss by the work force in this area. The people in the programs are trying to better their lives and their family's life's to help make a good living to support those families

Michael Rattell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Rattell".



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

170 Elm Street  
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February 4, 2016

To Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machining Program. It is to my understanding that you are planning to cut our school budget by one million dollars. This will be detrimental to my education. In doing this I would not have the help from the tutors who help me on the weekend. This cut will stop me from having use of the variety of equipment and software which we use to learn as well as taking away much of the hands on time I have with the machinery and the CNC programming Lab. This would greatly reduce the chance for me to rebuild my future. Having been recently released from prison after sixteen years, I now have an opportunity to be retrained and put back to work in order to be a productive member of society once again.

I believe that it is the States' intention to help those who are released from incarceration. How will it be possible for me to succeed, if at every corner I and others in my situation meet another roadblock? In my humble opinion, education is the key to a better society. I ask that this budget cut be reconsidered. In closing, I would like to say thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Phillip E. Anderson, (860) 394-9475, [andersonphil15@yahoo.com](mailto:andersonphil15@yahoo.com)



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. This is the only really good machining program in the state. We need all the help we can get in order for it to remain this way. I feel we need more money to hire more instructors to keep up with the increasing number of interested students. This program has gotten me into an internship that I would have never thought possible. Not only did they get me the internship, there is a very good chance that this will turn into my first job in my machining career. We need more trained workers to meet the needs of the aerospace industry. Cutting the budget will only lead to negative effects on everyone.

Sincerely,

Tyler Clokey, tylerclokey1@gmail.com



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. Machining has been an interest of mine for a long time and Asnuntuck has been able to provide me with the best and affordable education I could find within the state. A budget cut to Asnuntuck will not only diminish the quality of regular students but heavily effect the Manufacturing programs offered. The availability of experienced instructors and maintaining materials, machinery, and software is essential to continue giving this highly valued education. Not only will we be losing out on these resources but our education is what will be providing a strong foundation for a positive future.

Connecticut is home to a large percentage of manufacturing in New England. By instilling a budget cut we will ultimately be cutting out professional skills that make Connecticut generate more income. By not having the proper education in place for Connecticut residents to become a part of manufacturing in their home state. Companies will have to seek out qualified potential employees from other companies which may have to provide housing or transfer assistance for these new employees thus *decreasing* revenue which can be used as tax money to provide the state with capitol and *increasing* resident unemployment. A budget cut to education is the absolute worst possible solution and effects everyone negatively.

Sincerely,

*Moises T Lam*

Moises Lam, MoisesL518.ML@gmail.com



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February 9, 2016

To Members of Connecticut Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. My name is Steven Solis. I have been enrolled in the Fall 2015 Semester. In the short time I have spent here, my skills and knowledge in this field have grown exponentially, more so than in high school, where I had spent four years learning about precision machining. Previously I could understand only basic manual machining, measurement, and print reading. Now, I can write CNC programs, measure with a wider range of measuring tools, perform drafting on SolidWorks, and I can understand Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing. Currently, I as well as other students, are learning about quality control and quality assurance, things that are essential to modern day machining. So I've heard of something about a budget cut of one million dollars to this school. I want to be able to explain to you why that may seem like a short term solution, but may have long term negative effects. I am unaware of why exactly this cut has been proposed, so I do not want to assume things.

There are already funds being allocated to this school for a new building with new machines. Having this cut go into effect will result in less content being taught using this new equipment. Instructors will have to be spread thin, updates on software will have to be negated, etc. Many students have valued their learning enough to actually try to start a class on using the software MasterCAM. With this budget cut, this will not happen. One million dollars makes a huge difference to the people it effects. This knowledge is important and relevant to society both today and for the future. Employers in manufacturing companies need people who comprehend this kind of content and can implement it into the real world. There are companies in Connecticut who carry a huge amount of work on their shoulders that greatly impacts society, such as Hobson and Motzer, Heise Industries, and Birken as just a few examples. There is a need for more skilled workers, and this cut will not provide people with the training needed. Unemployment will cost one million times over one million dollars in the long run. Most manufacturing programs at other colleges are trying to replicate that of Asnuntuck because it has become so successful. Do you want to hinder that success with a budget cut?

Sincerely,

Steven Solis, (845) 728-1581



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. I recently found out that you are cutting the funding towards Asnuntuck. With the lack of funding, the program won't have many resources such as tutoring and materials thus making it harder for the students to learn properly. Throughout this program I gained many skills, assets, and knowledge of Machining. From knowing how to use measuring tools to computer programming. Without the proper funding, it will definitely affect my ability to successfully complete the program.

Sincerely,

Jahleal Thomas, [Jahleal.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:Jahleal.thomas@gmail.com)



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislative

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. I've had a very positive experience here, and I'm very grateful that this program was available to me. I found this program very rich in content and knowledge. It has helped me lay down the foundation I need to be successful in the manufacturing field. Currently the U.S is lacking in skilled workers, and we all know how competitive the manufacturing world is. In order to stay ahead of the game, we need programs like this one. I believe this is a model program for all other similar programs. I am only in my second semester but I strongly believe I'm ready to take on the challenges manufacturing brings like for example, cost, efficiency, production, quality, etc. Thanks to the program, I'm currently out on internship at an aerospace company. I'm using what I've learned and combining it with real-world work experience. This program has truly inspired me. If you cut the program's budget, you're heading in the wrong direction for this country's future success in manufacturing. If the program's budget does get cut, I will truly feel sorry for the students after me who will not get the full experience that has prepared me so well.

Sincerely,

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# ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

To members of the CT legislature

I'm Rohane Grant a student in the Manufacturing Program at Asnuntuck community college. Cutting 1 million dollars from our school would greatly affect our program. We would have less instructors, less equipment being maintained and outdated software. These elements greatly affect my learning! We need instructors to assist and teach us as much as they can. We need our equipment maintained in order to keep making projects. We need updated software so we can stay competitive in the job market. Thanks to this school I am able to get an internship at GKN Aerospace because of what I learned and I know I can be useful at this company. I don't want to finish college and go into a work place with outdated skills and knowledge. Since I've been at this school I feel that I've been getting real world experiences to better ready myself for the next steps I'm going to take after leaving this school. This is the same for many of us. You'll be taking away more than just money if you cut the budget.

Sincerely,

Rohane Grant  
[grantrohane@gmail.com](mailto:grantrohane@gmail.com)



# ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the Connecticut Legislature,

My name is Charles Rankin Macgill and I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. Slashing 1 million dollars from the Asnuntuck budget would have a direct and negative impact on the futures of myself and everybody else in this program. This is a vocational program and the content we learn will be applied immediately in the manufacturing field upon being hired. This requires far more hands on and technical training than other concentrations of study in which employers don't require specific skills. We need skills such as the ability to read blue prints, understand the properties cutting tools, metals, and how they relate to one another in the milling process. We also need to know how to read CNC programming software and how to operate CNC machines. Resources such as equipment, instructors, and tutoring are essential to mastering these skills that employers require for gainful employment. By cutting our budget and resources you will be directly hindering the employment opportunities of every student, and all future students, in this in this program.

Regards,

Charles Rankin Macgill  
crankinmacgill@gmail.com



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February 9, 2016

To members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. This program has given me opportunities to open doors and make my life successful. The classes that are available to me have taught me so much and can lead me down many roads of the machining industry that I never thought possible. Each instructor has their own specialty and their own contribution to the program and if the budget was to get cut that would put some instructors out of a job and not make the program the unique and special experience that it has been for me as it will for others. One of the biggest reasons that I came to this school was for the chance of an internship and budget cuts would eliminate things like that and make students like me not as eager to come to Asnuntuck.

Sincerely,

Codie Cincone, [Cinconecodie@gmail.com](mailto:Cinconecodie@gmail.com)



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February 9, 2016

To members of the CT legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. My name is Patricia Cancho and I have been studying machining since my freshman year of high school. Coming to Asnuntuck has given me the opportunities to expand my knowledge and get a better understanding in this field. I have been able to learn about new machines and learn to solve problems that I may face in a real company while working. It has been a very good experience so far for me because I've been learning new things such as new tools, new machines, CNC programming, and how to use solidworks and getting a better understanding of what is expected of me in companies. Due to budget cuts many things will not be taught in this program therefore we will not gain as much knowledge as we would like to have. Many things like machines and software will not be available to us that many companies will be expecting us to know for the job.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Cancho".

Patricia Cancho  
[patriciacancho@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciacancho@hotmail.com)



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Program at Asnuntuck Community College. My name is Ajay Sukhram and I was introduced to machining from my school and the robotics team they have. Thanks to the program they have here at Asnuntuck I was able to get an internship with an aerospace company and learn so much about machining out in the field. Some of the things that I have learned about machining is how to operate and program a CNC machine with the help of my teachers and peers in some of the basic classes such as CNC. So far my experience with the program has been excellent and a learning journey. While at the school I would like to learn how to use Mastercam which is a program that is used in the field and I would like to learn how to use while still attending classes here at Asnuntuck. Due to budget cuts I would not be able to take these classes. The program here at Asnuntuck is the reason why I joined this college to learn this field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ajay Sukhram'.

Ajay Sukhram  
[Sukhrama@yahoo.com](mailto:Sukhrama@yahoo.com)



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. I recently found out that the State is going to be cutting a large quantity out of my schools budget. I am currently in the second semester of the program. In the time that I have been here I have done a lot. Through this program I was able to gain the knowledge and skills required to make it in the real world as a machinist. I understand that to keep a program like this running you need a lot of resources, such as, instructors, machine equipment, and materials to use. All of this costs money. A budget cut this large will severely interfere with this program. The future students will not be able to get the full education and opportunities I had coming through this program. Opportunities such as the internship program. This saddens me greatly. Please do the future students a favor, and don't cut the budget.

Sincerely,

Chris Gabriel, [chrisgabriel2015@gmail.com](mailto:chrisgabriel2015@gmail.com)



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. My name is Victor Bui and presently still attending classes and to finish off my second semester and to be well trained for the future success in the workforce. Having been let go from many jobs due to insufficient knowledge of the manufacturing machining skill which have lead me to attend at Asnuntuck Community College. Learning all aspects in this manufacturing field has given me more knowledge of how machining was originated and also programmed based upon to make valuable products and or services needed by the consumer needs. The CAD program has shown me how to design anything from a simple table to a more complicated design of an airplane engine. The one I am most intrigued in is the CNC Program which allows me to program any CNC machine to execute many operations so I can produce a conformance part based off a blueprint. Mastercam is used in this field everywhere and I would like it to be available for me to learn at this school while I am still attending so I can be well assessed. If these budget cuts would occur all of these valuable training or even tutoring would not be offered would be a major hit for me and for my future career possibility. These programs are the main reason I even chose to attend here at Asnuntuck Community College.

Sincerely,

Victor Bui  
Vbuty06@yahoo.com



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. It would be greatly appreciated that the school isn't a part of the budget cut, it would greatly affect the program and not in a good way. Not to mention this class, but the future students of Asnuntuck. They deserve a great experience just as any other school. If money is cut then that will cause programs to shut down such as tutoring; which in my opinion is very important. Not everybody understands as fast as others may and they need that extra help. Think about all the other programs in the school that'll be affected. I hope all of this was enough to persuade the CT legislature to overthink the budget cut for Asnuntuck.

Sincerely,

Marcello Cruz, 860-920-9397



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February 9, 2016

To members of CT legislature

I am a student in the manufacturing program at Asnuntuck Community College. I have heard that you have intentions of cutting the funding of our program. This budget cut will hinder the learning process of us students here at the school. Without the current funds the program will not be able to maintain the machines in the shop floor because they won't have the money to keep up long term repairs. Without the funds the school cannot purchase the updated software to train the students in CAD. The lack in funds will also effect the stock and material we use to create our shop projects, if we do not have the material we need, will not be able to make our projects and in turn our quality of education will drop severely. Last but not least, without funds we cannot have our fine tutoring program that helps us overcome the challenges we may face during our time in the program.

Sincerely,

Angel Gabriel Perez, [angbr1197@gmail.com](mailto:angbr1197@gmail.com)



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February 9 2016

To members of the CT legislature

I am a student in the manufacturing machining program at Asnuntuck community college. I would find it difficult if the funding was cut to be successful in my studies because most students in this field are hands on learners. Without projects like the c-clamp in the machine lab I personally would not have done as well as I did in class. This is because I had the liberty of one or two mess ups but without the money to buy the stock for class. More stock was allowed to use, if we messed up and would have to start over or try to fix our mistake. We learn by our mistakes but without the money we would not be able to try again and without that second try I would not have made an almost perfect c-clamp. This is true with almost all students because we are new to this trade and it would be impossible for us not to mess up a part or two at least once. My teachers tell me that without the money the CAD systems that we use could not be updated, this would mean that we are now at a disadvantage to businesses out in the field for our internships because they would have up to date CAD systems and we would have very limited or now useless knowledge because we were using outdated systems in class. The new building that is being built will be filled with machines but without the money to pay for instructors no one will be allowed to be in there to work on the machines and further our knowledge so we can be successful. That is the purpose of this school is it not, to ready its students for the world of manufacturing. Well without the money it will be increasingly more difficult for all students and teachers alike to be successful.

Sincerely,

*Austin Montano*

Austin Montano, (860) 693-1443



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislator:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. Asnuntuck offers a great Machining Program that helps offers a great learning experience to help students get a good education to get good jobs with only 1 year of schooling. The Program has great instructors with great teaching abilities. If this program had gotten any money defunded then the program wouldn't be able to perform to the fullest potential. Not only do I benefit from this program but everyone that participates in it and graduates does also. It offers internships to students after the first semester to good manufacturing companies that pay good wages. it gives people a second chance at life in the fact that they can start over and give people new job opportunities to make a good living to support their families and with more money being paid to people they are able to pay more in taxes.

Sincerely,

Robert Kruzel, 860-558-0904



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February 9, 2016

To members of the CT legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. This program has opened my eyes into how big the manufacturing world is and what it takes to make it out there. Due to the classes available to me, I can take many different paths in a manufacturing career. This is a very popular course and there are only so many instructors. The importance of the instructors is very high, each instructor has his or her own specialty in every aspect of the shop. Personally every instructor has helped me in different ways. If the budget was cut some instructors could be let go, therefore some aspects of the course could be cut. I've found every class very helpful and important to learning how to be a successful machinist. Needless to say the program could use more money not less.

Sincerely,

Steven Burnham, burnieham@yahoo.com



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February 9, 2016

To members of the CT legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College. I am currently in my second semester and have had a great experience in this program. I am learning a great deal about the different aspects of the manufacturing and machining field, both in the classroom and in a hands on experience. I would find it a tremendous hindrance to the program if our funding was cut significantly. A great deal of the learning experience relies on the hands on learning in the machine shop. Besides the necessity of instructors supervising and teaching us the machines and materials needed to work on projects require money to be available to us as well as the cost of replacing or repairing tools and machines. Outside of the lab a major part of the manufacturing education process requires the use of different computer software programs that cost significant amounts to purchase or acquire licenses to have available for all the students. Losing these types of programs would significantly impact the level of education we would receive and thus not properly preparing us to enter the workforce. I think cutting our funding would be a significant hindrance to our education and have a negative impact on my future.

Sincerely,

Robert Quagliaroli, 860-463-6825, [Quags21@gmail.com](mailto:Quags21@gmail.com)



# ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

170 Elm Street  
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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the manufacturing machining program, from officials above me I was told of a 1 million dollar budget cut from Asnuntuck Community College, I believe this will impact me in a negative way because of the help I've been getting outside of my classes. Outside of class time I've gotten extra time with the manufacturing machines, and instructors. From my first semester I went from not knowing much of the manufacturing field to knowing the basics and even more to where I could possibly get a full time job. From my first semester I've learned how to run a vertical mill, lathe and grinding wheel, if you cut the budget maintaining those machines will be very difficult for not just me alone but the tons of other students in the program and soon to be students. I've also learned how to use precise measuring instruments that could later on help me in the workforce, but if the budget cut happens and these precise measuring instruments will eventually need replacing but won't happen because the school won't have the funds to do so. The other times being at Asnuntuck I've also learned how to use different software to make 3 Dimensional objects before actually going through the process of making the object in real life to make sure its faulty proof but if the budget happens the chances of success decrease because new software's can't be purchased if needed. Budget cuts won't just affect me but others in the same program and soon to come.

Sincerely,

Hubert Brown

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FEBRUARY 9, 2016

To Members of the CT. Legislature

I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College enrolled in the Manufacturing Machining Program addressing the proposed budget cuts and their effects on the programs and students. Without funding, the school could not provide tutoring, equipment, and faculty needed to ensure the students need to become successful in the workforce. The cuts you are proposing will also have direct impact on tuition cost to rise and the number of possible students to decrease. So I would strongly encourage you to maintain the budget so that our program can continue to grow.

Sincerely,

*Alan McClain*

Alan McClain



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the manufacturing machining program. I understand you are going to cut the school budget to our school. By doing so, it will take opportunities away for us to learn and understand. The school provides us lots of help in different areas such as tutoring classes in CNC, blueprint, math, and provides help in how to prepare you for work and interviews. Cutting the budget will impact us and the school. Please don't take it away.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Aponte

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program, I was informed that the budget will be cut and it would definitely impact us, the students. I have been interested in this program for a number of years and when the opportunity came along I took it without hesitation and certainly looking forward to graduating with all the skills required to complete the program. I am also seeking employment in the field. Having the budget cut would affect us as students both in the classroom and the machine shop. I am certainly looking forward to completing the program with the highest education possible to enter the workforce. I would appreciate if it is reconsidered that the budget not be cut so that we all as students can gain the quality of education that we deserve. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Nigel Joseph*

Nigel Joseph

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February 9, 2016

To Member of the Connecticut Legislature:

I am a student in the manufacturing program. I understand that you are cutting the school budget of our program and I hope that you would review your decision on cutting the school program budget because it is my first time in this program and cutting the budget would affect my studying at Asnuntuck Community College.

This program is new to me and a new experience. Within the program, I learn how to write CNC programming and use CNC machines. Not only do we get to learn CNC programming and machine the program give us a lot of opportunities to explore within the manufacturing program like being a CAD operator or being a manager in quality control and CMM. Also this program gives us paid internships allowing us to get a full experience on how to operate a CNC machine in a real company. The decision of cutting the budget would not allow us to do these great things. Also we won't have the software updates or the materials to progress any further than what we have now which would make it harder for us to study and learn new things.

Sincerely,

Romario Huynh

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature;

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program. I understand that plans have been made to cut the budget for extra schooling to this program. As a father of two, going to school, working, and managing responsibilities at home I find this to be a terrible idea. This will affect all extra benefits that are put forward for us to use as a resource. Being a chef for almost the last 18 years, I have found that I needed to make a difference in my life, in the line of work to support my family. Working endless hours was causing me to be absent in the lives of my two boys, in the most important developing time in their lives.

The decision to change my career was a long staking choice, for being a chef it was my passion and life for so long. After seeing both my mother and brother in law partake in this program, and thrive in not just in their careers. But in life as well. After choosing to take the Manufacturing Machining Program at Asnuntuck Community College I was lost in a field I had no background in whatsoever.

After completing my first semester, I have grown in the manufacturing field and have become so versed in many different aspects of this field. I completed my first semester with a 3.2 GPA. I've learned programs such as Solidworks, CNC programming and how to also run CNC machines using machining mathematics. I have also learned many other skills to enter the broad world of manufacturing.

Coming from a total and different background of manufacturing, school started off as such a struggle for me. I didn't know left from right on what needed to be done to accomplish my goal. If it wasn't for the extra time taken out from each and every one of my instructors, I would not be able to be as far as I am now. I have just start my internship at Leipold manufacturing in Windsor CT. Where Governor Malloy himself as put time himself to visit and proudly support for his plan on bringing more manufacturing into Connecticut.

With cutting these funds from the budget makes everything as Connecticut has and is currently stand for. Connecticut is and always had been a state where manufacturing has been the back bone for the economy of the



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working people. By not being able to train the proper people from the start will tarnish the quality of the products being made in our state. Programs like the manufacturing machining program here at Asnuntuck Community College, know what it is that employers are looking for. Set a high standard from the start and end of learning on how to put these skills into the students to become better. Performers in the field. Taking away the resources for them to carry on these teaching, would defiantly take away what is needed to give a better education for students. In which produces less knowledgeable employees.

I'm asking that this program not be shorten or suffer from your choice of cutting the budget. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to get a better education to help further there success in life. Not only for themselves and the economy around them. Please take a chance to further your decision on your outcome it might take on the further growth of our state of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

John Hillis

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February 9, 2016

To members of the Connecticut Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining program, and I cannot comprehend how you would think a budget cut of \$1,000,000 would help benefit the economy, and not affect the students of the Manufacturing Machining program at Asnuntuck Community College. I have been using the machines, software, measuring devices, etc. All these tools of my trade are of the best quality, and have been highly beneficial to me and the students of Asnuntuck's Manufacturing Machining program. If your idea of a budget cut goes through, then the future minds that enter this program won't match up to the level of knowledge and work ethic of the employed careers that await them.

Sincerely,

Matthew Yawgel

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FEBURARY 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature,

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program and I understand that our budget for our program may be cut. I am in my second semester at Asnuntuck community college and this is my first year learning about machine manufacturing. This program has taught me how to run machines, the history of machines, and also how to use and read various different machining instruments. The instructor in this program are very helpful and the system they have in place helps out a lot. A budget cut to this program will hurt me and the rest of my classmate future in machine manufacturing. The after school tutor and extra help program in place at Asnuntuck community college has help me understand how to operate better as a machinist. It helps my grades out for my classes and I have been performing better. Also if this budget is cut I won't have the access to be able to use the computer programs and extra shop time that is available for us now. Asnuntuck Community Advanced Manufacturing Machining program is a great program for students and an excellent career program. I hope our program does not have a budget cut so Asnuntuck Community college can continue to do what they do best and provide help and a promising career for me and any future Students.

Sincerely,

Yannik, Martin

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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program. Cutbacks in state funding to the school will have a negative impact on the program. It will affect much needed support services to our program such as tooling for shop projects, tutoring, maintenance, and many other activities.

Asnuntuck Community College provides excellent learning opportunities for the general public and is a very much needed educational entity. The state and local economy benefits from this program by getting students a much needed education to obtain a high-tech well paid job opportunity and to bring local manufacturers a well trained workforce.

Sincerely,

Mark Sefton

Phone: (413)-568-1312



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February 9, 2016

To Members of the Connecticut Legislature,

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program. I understand that the school budget of our program will be cut. I hope that you will review the decision because by cutting the budget that would affect the studying that I've been doing here at Asnuntuck Community College.

This program has been a new experience for me. I really enjoy working in the shop. I want to become a machinist. But your decision of cutting our school budget will take away this meaningful experience for me and for all the people that want to become Machinists in future. You will also take away our opportunities to learn some of the important subjects such as CAD, MasterCAM, and study group which have been so helpful for us. Some of the experienced instructors will also be cut. Our resources at school will also be limited. We won't be able to get supplies of new materials and tools for us to work on our projects in shop. We won't be able to fix machines when they break down because we can't afford daily maintenance.

Once again, I hope that you will reconsider the decision and continue to support our program instead of cutting our budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Viet Nguyen".

Viet Nguyen  
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February 9, 2016

To Members of the CT Legislature:

I am a student in the Manufacturing Machining Program. First, I want to say thank you for your support. Because of your support I can participate in gaining the knowledge that I did not know before. And, I heard that you are cutting the purchase that you were giving for Manufacturing Machining Program. It breaks my heart because, I will miss an opportunity that I want to study. I am not able to use Machine Shop. We will miss a lot of classes. Also, I am a poor student. I am not able to pay tuition without your support. Please take a look and continue support for our program. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Viet Pham

651-352-9479

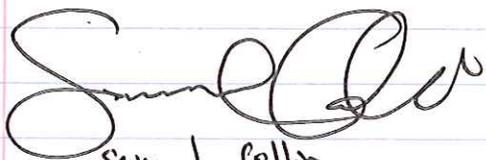
[Vietph09@gmail.com](mailto:Vietph09@gmail.com)

09 - Feb - 16

To members of the CT State legislature :

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the manufacturing machine program. I very much enjoy the current program offered at ACC, but have been made aware of possible cuts that could be made in the budget. This is very frustrating to me because I am worried that we will lose valuable resources necessary to help my peers and I achieve the best education possible for the very competitive work field we are entering. Already in the program it feels like there are ~~not~~ too few instructors to meet the needs of the different levels of experience seen in members of the program. Also, some of the programs/software we receive training on isn't software, or tools used in the "real world" workplace. If anything, more money should be allocated for use by this program, never mind cuts being made in the budget.

Thank You



Samuel Collin

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2/9/16

To Members of CT STATE Legislature

I am currently a student at Ashtatuck Community college attending the Manufacturing Machine program. I am concern about the funding cut for this program. It is going to effect my education. The funding going to put impact on equipments and their maintenance. It is going to effect the computer applications and we won't be able to have new updated version of the applications that we use in this program. Those applications are really important for this machining program and they should be up to dated. Since I paid for this program so if I get affected by this funding cut, I won't be a happy.

Sincerely

Baljinder Singh

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2/9/16

To members of the CT State Legislature,

My name is Shamiek Tomoney and I am currently a student at Assuntonck community college attending the Manufacturing Machine program. From what I understand there is a plan to cut 1 million dollars from the machining program here at Assuntonck. That plan would not be beneficial to the current students and for the future students that plan to join the machining program. Those that are here or that plan to come here, come to gain an education for an opportunity of a successful future. The budget cut will steal those opportunities away. I care about my education and I like to learn as much as this program can give. The money in the budget tries to keep me up-to-date with the most current machines being used in the machining world. Along with the programs as well such as Veri-Cut, CAD, CNC programming, and many more. I pray that the right decision will be made because if the budget cut happens so many opportunities will be taken away from future aspiring machinists. Thank you for your time and at whatever time you are reading this I hope you have a good day.

Sincerely,

Shamiek Tomoney

2/9/16

To Members of CT state legislature:

I am currently a student of Ashunuck Community College attending the manufacturing machine program, I don't think is fair that you are take so much money from a program that needs so much, specially for new programs and equipments that is needed. We as student should have a right to know why this money is being taken away.

Sincerely,

Chabely Munez

Chabely.munez.1996@gmail.com

2/19/16

Clayton N.

To the members of CT State Legislature:

I am currently a student at Ashunfuck Community College attending the manufacturing Machine Program: my experience through this program has been life changing because it gives me the opportunity to have another career in a field where you can be hands-on productive and artistic with your work. I hope you don't take the money we need for the program because then it could affect our shop, academics, and future opportunities.

Thank you sincerely,

Clayton N.

Clayton d23 @Gmail.com

Date: 2-9-2016

To members of CT State Legislature:

I am currently a student at asnontuck Community college attending the manufacturing machine program.

I drive an hour to asnontuck community college everyday to get a good education. With you taking a million dollars off this program really makes a impact on my life. What would be the point of me driving to school an hour away when we dont have the funds to teach the people about manufacturing.

Thank you

Victor B

2/9/16

To Members of CT State Legislature:

I am currently a student at Ashuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machine program. The decision to cut funding towards the program could have adverse affects for the students and staff involved in it. The expense of the program is directed towards maintenance and equipment in the shop along with classes in the program. It is a requirement to stay on top of the practices in machining. New advances could leave the students ill prepared for actual jobs in the field. It would be appreciated if the state would halt the funding cut for the program.

Regards, Justin Payne

February 9th, 2016

To members of CT State Legislature:  
I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machine program. This budget cut for our programming will effect our education and career future because we are in the 21st Century and technology is always improving so the constant need for updating our machines and software is important to keep up to date with, we can not find a job in our career field if we have experience on machines made in 2004 but the company we are applying for is using machines made in 2015 or 2016 along with the software, they will look at us as a joke and not hire us and then this would of been a waste of an education and our out of pocket expense to pay for our education.

Sincerely,

Donovan Gomez  
Gomez.Donovan36@gmail.com



# ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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February 9, 2016

To the Members of the Connecticut State Legislature,

I, Benjamin Schadlich, am writing to you on this frosty Tuesday morning because I was recently informed that there would be certain budget cuts made to Asnuntuck Community College. I am a student of the Manufacturing Machine Program, and am currently attending my second semester at the college. The amount of time and effort our teachers need to give their students, in order to fully cover the wholeness of the course, is massive. I personally must say that without the one on one experiences I've had with my instructors up to this point, I would be utterly lost in a machining environment. To receive a cut in funding of the amount that I have heard would be a massive blow to future students and effectively the local machining facilities where these students will be acquiring jobs. Machinists are a major contribution to the local economy and to see that be effective in a negative manor would not only be a blow to the local blue collar worker but also reflect poorly on the decision making skills of our state government.

To conclude my brief attempt to sway your decision, I will simply state that education is of the utmost importance to the success of The United States of America, and to restrict the capabilities of the educational institutions is the equivalent to restricting the minds of the future of our great nation.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Benjamin L. Schadlich

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## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature:

I am currently in the welding program at Asnuntuck. So far I am really happy with the shop and all the tools we can access everyday. The instructors know their stuff about welding and fabrication which is helpful. If you cut the budget the next class will not get the same experience I had. You need to save this environment in the shop. Practice makes perfect.

- Andrew Buanno



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear members of CT State Legislature:

Please don't cut our budget for state colleges. I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College doing the welding program. I don't think it's fair to cut our budget. With the budget cuts, less people will be able to attend the school and get the specialized training that the work force of today needs. Will all the new construction planned in the upcoming years, companies will need experienced welders to complete these jobs.

- Alex Colmbie  
Student at Asnuntuck  
Community College.



# ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear members of the CT State legislature,  
I am a current student off the ACC welding program and i ask  
that you please not cut the budget of the program so other  
students may receive the same training and wonderful education  
that asnuntuck provides.

*Campoyte*



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Members of  
The CT State Legislature:

I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College. I am currently attending the welding program which is part of the Manufacturing Technology Program at Asnuntuck. If the budget is cut then we wouldn't get enough practice, attention and knowledge for a good job in the future. Many jobs are being offered in this field in the next however many years between Electric Boat or Pratt and Whitney will contribute back to the state of Connecticut. So please don't cut the the budget because in the long run it will affect the economy of the state

Thanks  
Ryan Murphy



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community college in the Welding program. If you do this budget cut it will make a negative impact to the students that are here and to the future students here at Asnuntuck Community College. Please don't do the budget cut.

- Danny Fogarty -



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear members of the CT state legislature

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College and value what I can do in the advanced welding shop we have here. It is very important to the economy of Connecticut to be able to train and educate Connecticut's working force that will be benefiting Connecticut for 50 plus years. Don't cut the spendings of the budget for Asnuntuck Community College

Asnuntuck Community College student

John O'Neill



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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To the Members of the CT State Legislature  
Considering changes to our Higher Education budget,

Asnuntuck CC has presented me with a fantastic path to advanced manufacturing. The professors, staff, and equipment are already being utilized to their fullest; To take even a fraction of a percent of support away from our school system could hurt one's opportunities to better career dramatically.

Our state needs higher education to be as an effective investment as possible. Hurting future generations' chances to make today easier is insanity.

Thank You,  
Anthony Altieri



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Dear Members of the CT  
State Legislature,

As a welding student in the manufacturing program here at Asnuntuck Community College, I ask that you please reconsider your decision to cut the budget for higher education.

This program is invaluable due in part to the individualized instruction and variety of equipment that students have access to. On a larger scale, this program strives to help close the skills gap that this state and country are facing.

By making the choice to maintain funding to ACC, you ensure a much more hopeful future for students as well as manufacturing in Connecticut.

Thank you for your time  
and consideration.

Jackie Alessio



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the  
CT State Legislature:

I'm currently a student in Asnuntuck Community College.

And it has been a blessing to me and my family to attend Asnuntuck. I'm currently in the AWS welding program, and after exhausting research, it's in my humble opinion that the higher education provided by community college, that you please consider us for continued funding. Manufacturing and welding is on the rise in this country, as research would indicate, and this college provides me with the tools as a CT resident to move forward.

Cutting resources that are essentially a guaranteed investment in CT's future is a bad idea. If we are to compete with NYC and Mass, then we need to plan for the future, and community college ~~and~~ higher education is the future.

Access to tutor and individualized education is provided by Asnuntuck, we need, at the very minimum to maintain the current level of education in order to compete. We can't compete or even expect a competitive



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Torey Johnson

Dear Members of the CT State Legislature I  
dont think that a budget cut on education would  
be good for us because the tuition could go  
up and make it harder for me to pay for  
my education.

Sincerely,

Torey

Thanks



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

170 Elm Street  
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Dear members of the CT State Legislature,

I am a student of Asnuntuck Community College, taking classes for the welding program. I want to please ask you not to cut our budget. Our program has many benefits including access to tutors, individual instruction, variety of equipment and software, and reduce courses and time in welding lab. If all of these is cut our learning ability will be cut to and we will not have the right tools and time to become great welders and help welding companies around America. This institution has graduated great students and with your help it will continue to do so.

Thank you for your time,

David Troya



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Dear Members of the CT  
State Legislature:

I am currently a student at A.C.C.  
and asking you to not cut our school budget.  
Its already expensive and cutting the budget would  
increase the price and lessen school supplies.

I am in the welding program and that would take  
a hit on the variety of equipment weld time in the  
lab. Especially if I'm trying to get my certificates.  
please reconsider cutting the budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Yarn



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2-9-16

Dear Members of the  
CT State Legislature,

There should not be a cut in the higher education budget of Asnuntuck Community College. I am a student in the Welding program. If there were to be a budget cut then it would change a lot of stuff that can further our education. There would be lack of teachers and equipment and the loss of having tutors. I would really appreciate it if you took this in consideration.

Sincerely,

Michaela Bagnall



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear members of the Connecticut State Legislature,  
by cutting the budget provided to Asnuntuck Community College, many future students will be deprived of access to tutors, individual instruction, opportunities to use and learn to operate a wide variety of equipment & software that may not be available elsewhere, and it would drastically reduce the very valuable courses in the classrooms and weld shop. Welding is a trade that only 2% of the population can perform, it is a very necessary skill and there are not many programs out there that provide students the opportunity to learn it. Please allow Acc to provide this opportunity continuously.

Thank you,

Theresa Kruegar - current Acc student,  
welding / fabrication



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Dear members of the CT State Legislature:  
I don't think you should cut the funding for the welding program at Asnuntuck Community College. We need the funding for our instructors and to have the long shop time we have now. If the budget gets cut then I'm sure the tuition will be rized and then many students won't be able to afford it like me.

Erin Fille



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Dear members of the CT State Legislature:

I am currently a student in the welding Program at Asnuntuck community College. We need funding for instructors, supplies, machines and all of our computers and software. The community colleges would have trouble funding with a major budget cut.

*John R. [Signature]*



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2.9.16

Dear members of CT legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College. I am enrolled in the welding technology program, which has given me the opportunity to further my goals and aspirations to become a welder. I ask that the members of legislature vote to keep the budget in the higher education because we as students are the future. I hope this is taken into consideration.

Thank you,

*Samantha Pelletier*  
(Samantha Pelletier)



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature.

Please don't cut the budget for the Asnuntuck community college manufacturing department. I am currently a student studying welding. If the budget gets cut then ~~the~~ the time students will have in the shop will be reduced and the tools we have at our disposal will not grow. We will also not have access to the latest equipment and software available.

- Sam Marcotte



## ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Members of the Connecticut  
State Legislature:

I am a part of the welding technology program. I heard that the budget was being cut and I am asking that you please don't do that. This is an awesome program and manufacturers look to this college before many other technical schools. This college provides us with everything we need to be successful. So I am asking you to please not cut the budget because this is really a great program that will lose a lot if the budget is cut.

Sincerely,

Troy Marin



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Dear members of the state Legislature, my name is Sean Paul Gabaree  
I'm a student at Asnuntuck community college, who is persueing  
a career through this school which has helped me immensely over the  
time I've been here. please do NOT cut our schools budget  
we need the materials to become a better worker and aid MY community  
through ~~the~~ this schooling to be a welder/fabricator, which is  
also my dream. don't take away our dreams, our materials, our teachers  
or our budget. support our future, not unemployment

Sincerely,  
a concerned student and citizen

Sean Paul Gabaree



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Dear Members of the CT State legislature

Please do not cut the resources that we as the welding community at ACC need so we can work on our professions. If you cut our resources and we don't have any more metal to practice and work with what are we to do? We all came here to be able to get a job and learn something that we want to work hard at and set into. We cannot do that with a lack of resources and materials.

From, Jonny Dalligan



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the importance of this program is beyond your understanding, not only would it be devastating for the students and their career but to a lot of others who support the school. As a student of Asnuntuck Community College in the Manufacturing Technology program, if you cut the funding you will be responsible for taking thousands of jobs including the instructors of ACC. Please do not cut the funding.



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Dear, Members of the CT State Legislature

This program has actually helped me so much. Before coming here I didn't think a career was possible until I came here and instantly clicked with the welding program. So, please give young adults the same chance I had and continue the funding because this is the only community college that has ever really made a difference.



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Dear Members of Connecticut State  
Legislature,

Please do not cut the budget on this school. I personally chose this school over Lincoln Tech because of all the opportunity, extra help, better job placement rating, and programs that are offered here. This school would definitely lose a lot of newcomers and good publicity if you cut the budget. So I say again, please do not cut the budget.

From,

Jason Blonah, current 2nd Semester  
student of welding program at  
VACC.



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February 4, 2016

To members of the CT state legislator

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the manufacturing machining program. It is my understanding that you're planning to cut school budget by one million dollars. This will be detrimental to my education and to all other students. If the budget is cut it will eliminate a lot of resources such as additional tutoring that some students might depend on to succeed. We will also lose many great teachers that are needed to educate a large class. Many of the important classes we need might not be here anymore which would limit the amount of education that we need. Some of the advanced machines and software to program and run those machines we wouldn't be able to afford which would defeat the purpose of going to school if we don't have any machines to learn on.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Thompson, 860-543-0805, jeffrey0244@att.net



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February 4, 2016

To Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machining Program. It is my understanding that you are planning to cut our school budget by one million dollars. This will be detrimental to my education. In the current state of the program I know that I am able to complete my goals and achieve good grades throughout. With this budget cut my state of mind would completely change. Right now I know that I have well educated tutors that I can go to if I need help. With the budget cut this may no longer be possible. Another thing I realized is I will not have access to the amount of resources I have, whether it be teachers in the classroom or tools in the shop. By getting rid of these resources I am not getting the education I deserve to insure my success. By cutting the budget you are not only destroying the value of my education you are also destroying the value of the name this school has created for itself. The students who come through this program are able to carry the name Asnuntuck made for itself onto other companies because of the way it is run now. Which allows us as students to know that we will have a job at the end of this program because of the amount of pull Asnuntuck has with these companies. I know from the track record this school has with the program that I have an amazing shot at getting a job out the gate and making a good career for myself, as long as I put in the work I need to succeed. But this is only because of all of the resources that are available to me. If this changes I see only negative impacts on this program and the students who spend their time and money to be here every day to get a good education and a job. So what I am asking is that you strongly re consider your decision to cut the budget at Asnuntuck Community College. Education I believe is the most important thing in this society. Without this program I wouldn't have a clear cut goal and direction to achieve a livable wage and a great career. These are the foundations for my life as a whole. Thank you for your time, I hope you realize the impact the budget cut will have on the school and the students who attend it.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Domina, 860-462-8445, Ndomina0593@aol.com



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To Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student of Asnuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machining Program. It is my understanding that you are planning to cut our school budget by on million dollars. This will be detrimental to my education.

I just came to the US 3 months ago. I am struggling a lot to familiarize myself with everything. The first important thing is finding a job. So, I am going to school to get a certificate degree in machining. I am totally depending on financial aid. If the school budget is cut, there will be a big influence on my education. Because I cannot continue to pay for my education. The shortage of budget will lead to the shortage of:

- . Individualized instruction
- . Variety of equipment and software not being updated or purchased
- . Reducing the courses and time on machines and in computer labs

Sincerely,

Haison Nguyen, 413-896-6030, [son.nguyenvn@gmail.com](mailto:son.nguyenvn@gmail.com)



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February 4, 2016

To Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the Manufacturing Machining Program.

It is my understanding that you are planning to cut our school budget by one million dollars. This will be detrimental to my education. I just settled down in America. My parents have low income, so now I am depending on financial aid to pay for most of my education. If the school budget is cut, my education fee will increase. As a result of this, I can't afford to continue my education and this will greatly affect my future here.

I am greatly grateful if you take this cutting plan out of consideration.

Sincerely

TruongSon Ngoc Nguyen, 413-896-6169, sonnguyen0609@gmail.com



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February 4, 2016

To members of the CT state legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College attending the machining program. It is my understanding that you are planning to cut our school budget by one million. This will be detrimental to my education.

The individual instructors are a great help in this program they help to get to each student as needed in the classroom. If there isn't any help from individual instructors myself & other students may even fall behind in class because there was no additional help in an outside of this classroom. We need the equipment to get the best education possible to go out in the workforce without the equipment to work and learn there is no way to become a productive part of the manufacturing workforce.

Sincerely,

Chavaughn prince. (860)8904904, chavaughnp@gmail.com



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Dear Members of the Connecticut State Legislature,

After the recent State of the State Address it has come to my attention that the state has proposed a budget cut that includes but is not limited to a cut to my current educational institution, Asnuntuck Community College. The community colleges of Connecticut are an important resource to people of all ages and income classes looking to further their educations. As college tuition continues to skyrocket, the community colleges offer a far cheaper option for those of us in the lower and middle classes. Community colleges offer a number of degrees, certificates, programs, and courses at lower rates than courses at other colleges. This gives students the opportunity to start their furthered education at a lower rate to save money in the long run as compared to taking the same classes at other institutions which can charge up to 25 times the cost for the same courses and degrees. For those of us that are in the lower class this opportunity to take classes at a reasonable rate provides the same opportunity as those in the middle and upper classes. The courses, certificates and degrees offered at Asnuntuck also help to build résumés and open doors in the search for jobs as a majority of them require some extent of furthered education, many times being a college degree. As you may know, Asnuntuck Community College in particular offers certificates, degrees AND certifications in important trades such as welding and machining. There is only a small number of these schools in Connecticut as we stand today and with the proposed budget cuts, welding programs like the one I am attending at

Asnuntuck will begin to wither away. The welding program at Asnuntuck provides the opportunity for residents of Connecticut and Massachusetts to gain the knowledge, credentials, and experience needed to get internships and jobs. There is a high demand for people in these trades, with employers such as Electric Boat, who is working to hire about 50 welders in the coming months. Companies like Electric Boat and Pratt and Whitney are just a couple examples of the bigger fish in the pond offering jobs to those in the welding industry in the state of Connecticut. This is not even scratching the surface of the number of smaller companies who are also hiring welders and machinists in the state as well. By cutting the budget in important areas such as educational institutions, you will also be cutting the number of people who are qualified to fill job openings that are available in the state of Connecticut. In turn this budget cut will leave those of us who's only option for furthered education is to attend a community college with a weakened program. As we stand today the programs at Asnuntuck are striving, with nearly twice as many students in the welding program this year as last year.

Thank You,

Nathan Sheffer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Sheffer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

My name is Conor Hebb and I am a current student in the Welding program at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, CT. Being a student in the program it has afforded me the opportunity to fabricate a variety of items. The materials and instructor support are both readily available. If the budget was to be cut, this would affect my learning and the ability to develop my skill as a welder. Please do not approve the budget cut to Asnuntuck, but rather think about increasing the funding for our college.

Conor Hebb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Conor Hebb".



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

My name is Edmond Guay, I am 52yrs old and have been out of the workforce for the past 2yrs due to personal health issues, specifically, triple bypass surgery. I worked hard my whole life and am proud of the accomplishments I have achieved in the trades. Due to my disability I have been recently given an opportunity to retrain, update and certify required certificates, this includes access to classroom and labs with a variety of equipment and software with instruction facilitated by qualified instructors at Asnuntuck Community College. Upon successful completion of this course I feel very confident that I will be able to re-enter the workforce at a very competitive level and once again be a contributing member of my family and community. I respectfully request that you reconsider making any cuts to educational type programs so members of your state may remain currant and competitive in the ever changing workforce and economy.

Edmond R Guay



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

The welding course at Asnuntuck Community College is great and it would be a shame to make changes to the program because of a budget cut. We would have to cut back on a lot of things like the amount of time we spend welding and without the practice we wouldn't get the experience we need to be good welders. It's great to have all the extra help that we need with instruction for not just welding but our classes too. There are a lot of other great programs here at Asnuntuck too that we could end up losing. At the end of the day budget cuts on community colleges would not be wise because some of these community colleges don't have enough as it is while other colleges and universities seem to have it all. Other schools may offer the same programs but with an unreasonable cost.

Rafael Frutos



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College. Community colleges are an important part of the educational system as a whole. Cutting the budget of these schools will directly impact the students trying to get an education. Students need to have the opportunity to learn and by doing so, increase their chances of having a bright future and getting good jobs. The state needs an educated work force that can make Connecticut thrive. I urge you to reconsider your decision to cut funding for community colleges. Thank you for your time.

Daniel Budarz



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Dear Members of CT State Legislature,

I am a student at ACC and am making great progress in the welding program and would hate to have the cut affect me and others in the program. A cut to the community colleges means a cut to everybody's education, making students leave school and entering the work force. This would mean farther down the road there will be more mistakes from people who didn't learn everything they needed to because of your budget cut. Think again legislation.

Hayden LaBrie



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature.

This is Zachery Poirier. The things that you are thinking of doing is the wrong because the people of CT need more schooling and more classis. The school helped me with my court issues and it is important that attending school is there for me to show the court system that I am changing my ways and bettering myself through my education. Just say no to budget cuts.

Zachery Poirier



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Dear Members of the Ct State Legislature,

I'm a student at Asnuntuck Community College. Please don't cut our budget we need more machines for our welding class. There is other machines or learning tools we need to proceed in our learning capabilities. We would appreciate if you consider our letters.

I'm sure the other students in our welding classes could use more accessories.

Matthew Kiesel



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

Please don't make the education cut towards bettering my future. Just as you were well educated don't take the opportunity from us to not only just grow as a person but in knowledge. We will be affected in many areas such as, insufficient training to be employable, individualized instruction, and access to tutoring, reduced courses, and time for practice in our desired field, most importantly our equipment for modern technology. Massachusetts doesn't cut budgets. Foreign countries pay for school. They also pay you to be in school. Please continue to help us. Knowledge is power.

Lemuel Salgado



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College in the welding program. I do not think it is a good idea for any cuts for furthering and bettering my future and education. I myself, am not the smartest and sometimes need extra help for my learning. Cutting access to tutoring and reducing courses and class time will not bring me to where I would like to be. As much education as possible is a necessity in order to further my life and be where I see myself being.

Joe Piscottano



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Dear Members of the Connecticut State Legislature,

I am currently attending Asnuntuck Community College for the spring 2016 semester, I am in the Welding Manufacturing program. Cutting funding for community colleges will have negative effects on the community by limiting opportunities that the local population will have. It will effect students negatively by limiting the education potential of the people attending, which in most cases are under privileged and people trying to make something of themselves.

Jeffrey R Fleury



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February 4, 2016

Connecticut State Legislature

Subject: Proposed Budget Cut

Dear Members,

I am currently a student at the Asnuntuck Community College, acquiring new skills so as to be equipped for a new career/employment opportunity. I lost my previous employment opportunity to sourcing (the job was sent to India). Many of the students enrolled in the manufacturing program here have also been affected by job loss.

Should the proposed education budget cuts be implemented, I am afraid that the impact will be negatively significant. Too many of us current students and potential students across the state who want to acquire the first two years of a college education will lose out on opportunity now available to us. Cutting back on resources such as instructors, materials, equipment, etc., would not be a sound decision. Again, too many people will be affected.

Please consider continuing current level of support.

Respectfully,

Orville Castillo



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Dear member of the CT State legislature. I am currently a student at Asnuntuck Community College and I am concerned about the budget cuts that may or may not be proposed in the state of Connecticut.

Having the opportunity to attend college and further my education is very important to me and budget cuts may affect my ability to reach my goal the way I plan. Please do not cut community college funding.

Shaquille Barnes



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Dear members of the CT State Legislature,

I think it would be awful if you guys were to cut back on all the budgets for schools. School is one of the most major keys to success in this generation, knowledge is power and without knowledge you are nothing. I would love it if you kept things how they were going, why change something if there was no problem in the first place. With all the budget cuts I wouldn't get as much of the teachers assistance I needed to better myself as a student, it would actually be better if you were to increase the budgets so we could get more of the tools we actually need to better ourselves and our learning in the past all of the members of the state wanted us to go to college to better ourselves, and here I am now in college and you're doing budget cuts, what's up with that?

Aaron Brown

*Aaron Brown*



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Dear Member of the Ct State Legislature I would appreciate if the financial budget for community college would not be cut because all the opportunities that will be taken away and the money in the budget is for everything that a student needs to get everything that can be attained out of this program. If the budget is cut that means some valuable things will be taken away and why would anybody that has the power to do so want to take education away from a student. I currently attend Asnuntuck Community College and a budget cut will only make matters worse when more money to the budget will be more useful and open up more opportunities versus having less opportunities. There are a few things extra I can do at my college but I do not really find an interest in anything and if more money was put into the budget more extra-curricular activities can be added and with any luck something I am interested in might come out of it.

George Frank



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

I am a student at Asnuntuck Community College. I have just been informed of you wanting to make cuts to a system that is working. The students that are here now, and the students to come need this money to help further their education. Taking funding away from any program at any school can and will affect the next group entering the work force. You need to reconsider cutting funds that are working.

Thanks,

Thomas Walter



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Dear Members of the Connecticut State Legislature,

I am a student at one of the many community colleges throughout Connecticut and have heard about the proposed educational budget cuts. This is pretty disturbing as having attended two of the community colleges, it is clear that is the last thing they need. I personally am in a manufacturing program which is continuing to grow to the point that we are now sometimes forced to partner up, leaving myself with less time to learn. The manufacturing field is desperately in need of a larger workforce, and cutting budgets will be quite detrimental to the training of these types of workers. It will make learning these skills more difficult through lack of tutoring, older outdated equipment, and less instructors will be available. Nor do I need it to be anymore less affordable than it is, as budget cuts will probably result in a raise in tuition. Thank you for your consideration,

Russell Jacobson



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

I do not agree with the budget cuts for education. If you make these cuts it could affect the amount of training time that makes it helpful to get a job, which already is hard enough in this state. Without this time for us it could cut time we have in the welding lab having hands on training. Along with more time familiarizing ourselves with equipment and tools needed to perform the job we are already paying a lot to learn. If these cuts affect programs like the welding program here we won't have the tools or equipment to even train with. Also these budgets may impact the amount of instructors needed here to get one on one time for individual improvement. The list goes on about the negative effects. I do not agree with the budget cuts.

Conor Beck



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Dear Members of the CT State Legislature,

2/4/2016

If you are going to cut back on our budget you are cutting back on my education that I pay for. If you cut back on our opportunities are you going to cut the pricing of school? By you taking away parts of my education you are taking away the reason I came to this school, to end up with a good helping staff and when leaving here a good education along with a good job.

Keven Slyne