

Legislative Committee

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

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization with over 2,175 members that employ over 50,000 people in and around our service area. Our chamber represents businesses from all industry sectors and of all sizes, from Fortune 500 companies, to micro businesses.

The purpose of this letter today is to offer the chamber's support for H.B. No. 5423, An Act Encouraging Middle School and High School Students to Consider Careers in Manufacturing.

For many years on our Public Policy Agenda, the chamber has urged the General Assembly to pursue policies that would create a dependable pipeline of skilled talent to fill precision and advanced manufacturing jobs, and pursue sound apprenticeship policies that promote manufacturing as a viable and exciting career path.

This bill is right in line with these stated goals, and we respectfully urge the legislature to approve it.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important topic.