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Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, the 2019 legislative session ended on Wednesday, June 5th. At our State Capitol we passed bills that will help to support businesses and grow our economy.

One of my main priorities as your state representative is to develop and expand training programs that will help prepare workers for good-paying, highly skilled, career oriented manufacturing jobs.

I hope you find this mailer informative. It is my honor to represent you in Hartford. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in regards to any matter concerning Torrington or the State of Connecticut. I can be reached at Michelle.Cook@cga.ct.gov. Also, please go to my website at www.housedems.ct.gov/Cook and sign up for my email blasts.

Sincerely,



**P.S. ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO STAY UP-TO-DATE
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GROWING CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMY



JOB'S TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

H.B. 5833 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

This bill expands the current pilot program into additional public high schools, and also allows for the participation of private institutions of higher education, in addition to public institutions of higher education.

Additionally, the Commerce Committee voted in favor of **S.B. 1029 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.** This would require the director of each technical education and career school to meet with representatives of public utilities and representatives of certain state colleges and universities to assess workforce needs and implement curriculum modifications to help connect students with the public utility industry to fill their workforce needs.

PROMOTING CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURERS:

S.B. 854 AN ACT PROMOTING CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEMAND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

This requires guidance counselors and school counselors to provide materials concerning manufacturing. Local and regional school district boards of education would have to develop goals for career placement for students choosing not to pursue an advanced degree.

S.B. 5 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION TASK FORCE.

This bill will create a workforce pipeline and job creation task force to prepare the state's future workforce for well-paying manufacturing and technical jobs in Connecticut.



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES:

In our state budget that was passed and signed by the Governor, the Angel Investor Tax Credit was opened up to more industries and small businesses, including those that are minority & women owned. This will extend the Angel Investor Tax Credit program by five years. It will increase the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be reserved annually from \$3 million to \$5 million. Additionally, the total amount of tax credits allowed per investor will be expanded from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

TRANSFER ACT:

S.B. 1030 An Act Concerning The Transfer of Hazardous Waste Establishments was passed this session. This bill involves fixing the Transfer Act to make it easier for more real estate transactions to take place and to help clean up more contaminated properties.

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