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Majority Leader Aresimowicz Applauds Manufacturing Funding

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D - Southington/Berlin) applauded the State Bond Commission's authorizations to support Connecticut's manufacturing initiatives.

The Commission approved \$2,500,000 in funding for the Board of Regents' Higher Education's Advanced Manufacturing and Emerging Technology Programs. These funds will support the advanced manufacturing and emerging technology programs at the twelve community colleges in the state.

"It is important that we continue to promote and invest in our state's manufacturing, particularly in educating our future workforce on the benefits of this career path," said Rep. Aresimowicz. "By investing in these programs, we are making our state more competitive and preparing our students for promising careers."

The Bond Commission also approved a \$5,000,000 grant to the Department of Economic Community Development's Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund, to finance grants-in-aid and loans to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology for research and development of the machining of advanced composite materials.

Manufacturing has been and continues to be a priority for Rep. Aresimowicz. Earlier this week, he visited Wilcox Technical High School and met with Dr. Nivea L. Torres, Superintendent of Schools for the Connecticut Technical High School System to discuss their advanced manufacturing trade programs. He also recently met with State Representative Selim Noujaim (R- Waterbury) during a tour of Noujaim Tool Co., Inc., to discuss ways to assist Connecticut manufacturers. Earlier this month, he spoke to the CBIA Manufacturers Advisory Council to learn more about their priorities and initiatives.

The bond items were approved by the Commission on Friday, January 29th.

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Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th House District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.