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Majority Leader Aresimowicz, Rep. Noujaim Discuss Connecticut Manufacturing

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D-30) recently met with **State Representative Selim Noujaim (R-74)** during a tour of Noujaim Tool Co. Inc. in Waterbury that was followed by a discussion about legislative priorities and ways to assist Connecticut manufacturers.

Rep. Noujaim invited the General Assembly's House Majority Leader to his family-owned company so he could learn first-hand how smaller Connecticut manufacturers work and compete in a global marketplace. Additionally, the two discussed ways to assist both Connecticut manufacturers looking to expand and grow in our state, and those that wish to locate here.

"I take great pride in being a Connecticut manufacturer and I'm honored the Majority Leader took time from his busy schedule to meet with me and discuss ways to better Connecticut's manufacturing climate," **Rep. Noujaim** said. "I look forward to working with him on this, and many other important issues when the legislature reconvenes February, 3rd."

"I always talk about how fortunate we are that Connecticut politics are much more bipartisan than what is happening on the national level. Visiting Rep. Noujaim's company is further proof that both sides of the legislature can come together for the benefit of our state," **Rep. Aresimowicz** said. "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. I am excited to work with Rep. Noujaim and my other colleagues on this initiative and am optimistic about what we will be able to accomplish together to continue to move Connecticut forward."

One of the many ideas the veteran lawmakers discussed was an idea by Rep. Aresimowicz to introduce legislation to find ways to better inform and educate high school and college students about the value of the trades. Currently, there are several state programs to help students transitioning from vocational schools to the workforce, including the Step Up Program that allows manufacturers to apply for state credits to help offset the cost of training new employees.

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