



The Connecticut Manufacturers' Collaborative is comprised of all the major regional and statewide manufacturing member organizations across Connecticut. We represent over 1200 manufacturing companies with tens of thousands of employees throughout all of Connecticut.

Through the CMC, Connecticut manufacturers have created a “single voice” for Connecticut manufacturing. Throughout this past fall, the CMC prepared a list of strategic initiatives for the new administration. Within those initiatives, several key legislative priorities have emerged. We are pleased to present those to you and look forward to working with you and other legislators interested in helping ensure the manufacturing sector succeeds in leading Connecticut to a new period of economic stability and prosperity for all its citizens.

## **CMC 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR MANUFACTURING**

### **ECONOMIC POLICY**

- Reduce the state tax burden on manufacturers by:
  - Eliminating the cap on net operating loss carryover
  - Extending the manufacturing apprenticeship tax credit to pass-through entities
  - Reducing or eliminating the estate tax
  - Rejecting any proposed increase to the personal income tax
  - Retaining the property tax exemption for manufacturing equipment

### **WORKFORCE**

- Revise state accountability standards concerning the evaluation of public high school performance to include credit for students graduating into manufacturing career-focused employment or enrollment in certified workforce credential programs.
- Further streamline and expand the opportunities for experienced manufacturing professionals to rapidly become teachers at technical high schools, comprehensive high schools and community colleges, by mitigating pedagogical requirements in favor of rigorous performance evaluations

### **TECHNOLOGY**

- Establish a new “Advanced Technology Consortium” for coordinating the overall network of state-funded technology resource providers with significant guidance from the manufacturing community

### **FUNDING & FINANCING**

- Significantly expand comprehensive technical education in all Connecticut high schools
- Continue to support the Manufacturing Voucher, Incumbent Worker Training and Apprenticeship programs currently administered under Connecticut’s Manufacturing Innovation Fund