

## Congressman Murphy's Survey of Connecticut Manufacturers

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Dear Connecticut manufacturers,

It's been an honor to be a voice for Connecticut manufacturers in our nation's capitol. I am constantly learning about the business of manufacturing, and how the federal government can help when needed, and get out of the way when not. I'm encouraged by reports of strong manufacturing growth in the first quarter of 2011. Businesses are finally climbing out of the crater that the financial crisis caused, but many of the more than 5,000 manufacturers in Connecticut are still struggling.

After listening to manufacturers in Connecticut, I founded the Buy American Caucus in Washington, DC to bring to light the staggering loss of American manufacturing jobs and how the government can promote manufacturing job growth. In the decades ahead, Connecticut companies will have to be nimble, adaptive, and forward-thinking, and I am here to fight for the policies that will make American manufacturers successful in the 21st century.

In order to better represent you in Congress, I am asking for your help. I hope that you will take a survey I have developed with my colleague, Senator Richard Blumenthal, to give me some ideas and perspective about the future of Connecticut's manufacturing economy. I will compile the advice you give me into a report, and share the results. The results will be anonymous, and no identifying information will be tracked. Please go to this link to take the survey. Thank you for your time and your contribution to our state.

Sincerely,

Chris Murphy

Member of Congress