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The Honorable Richard G Lugar
United States Senate
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: **NTMA/PMA Precision Jobs for American Manufacturing FY2010**

Dear Mr. Lugar,

On behalf of the Michiana Chapter NTMA and PJAM Site Committee, thank you for your continued leadership in Washington in representing the small manufacturing businesses of our community. In this challenging economic and globally competitive climate, a significant challenge manufacturers face is finding qualified employees to fill high-skilled current, and future, vacancies. Many job training programs lack a comprehensive infrastructure to not only train employees but also help recruit, screen, train, and retain Americans in the metalworking industries.

On behalf of our associations and industry, I ask that your support the National Tooling and Machining Association and Precision Metalforming Association's PJAM (Precision Jobs for American Manufacturing) FY2010 project request that will help meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of employees and employers in the metalworking manufacturing industries. I encourage you to support this important funding request in the FY2010 federal appropriations cycle.

Our community understands first hand the disadvantage of quality industry related training for young and displaced workers. We are the heart of Elkhart County, Indiana, and surrounding counties immediately faced with the unfolding state of our economy. Our business community and educational training partners want to act promptly to address the workforce development needs that exist. To bridge the gap, develop systems, programs and relationships is our goal.

Full funding for this program will not only meet the immediate job vacancy needs, it will also ensure future generations have the skills necessary to ensure that American manufacturers remain competitive. The program will seek to train new and existing workers, retrain displaced Americans, recruit new employees with a particular focus on our nation's veterans, and ensure worker retention to guarantee a strong workforce into the future. This program will immediately and directly benefit families in Michigan and Indiana!



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Thank you in advance for your consideration and your support of the metalworking industry.

Best Regards from Michiana Chapter NTMA Members,

- Accu Die & Mold
- Allied Specialty Precision Inc
- Ark Industrial Machining
- Bertrand Products
- Bremen Castings
- Budco Tool & Die
- Eagle Technologies Group
- Exacto Inc of South Bend
- F&F Machine Specialties
- Fulton Industries Inc
- Hanson Mold
- K&M Machine-Fabricating
- K Mold and Engineering Inc
- Kessington Machine Products
- Mack Tool & Engineering
- Metal Processors Inc
- Lake Michigan College
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Apprentice Academy
- Daman Products
- Niles Precision Co Inc
- Quality Mold & Engineering
- R&M Manufacturing Co
- Schafer Gear Works
- Sibley Machine & Foundry Corp
- South Bend Form Tool
- Star Tool & Die
- Sunset Tool Inc
- Superior Tool & Die Co Inc
- United Tool and Engineering Inc
- Value Tool and Engineering Inc
- Vickers Engineering Inc
- Arthur Machinery Inc
- Blue Water Thermal – Harbor Metal Services
- Federated Insurance
- Holland Insurance Group
- K&M Industrial Machining
- Machinery Systems
- Powell Tool Supply
- St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce
- State of Michigan DOL, Apprentice Division

In Care Of,

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