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Rep. Linehan Tours Industrial Heater Corp. in Cheshire *Local manufacturer expanding presence*



Rep. Linehan speaks with an Industrial Heater Corp. employee at the company's Cheshire facility

Rep. Liz Linehan (D-Cheshire/Southington/Wallingford) visited local manufacturer Industrial Heater Corp/Hi-Tech Fabrication in Cheshire recently to tour the facilities and discuss efforts to support the growth of Connecticut's manufacturing industry. In business for over 96 years, the company manufactures standard and custom heaters for industrial applications as well as precision sheet metal parts.

“Local manufacturers are thriving, and Industrial Heater Corp. is just one example of that success. As the industry grows, we must continue strengthening our school to career pipeline to meet the increased demand for skilled workers,” **Rep. Linehan** said. “It’s invaluable for me as a legislator to see what our manufacturers do up close, and I’d like to thank Industrial Heater Corp. for welcoming me to their facility.”

In May, the State Bond Commission approved a loan of \$543,000 to Industrial Heater Corp. to assist with machinery and equipment purchases and building improvements. As part of the loan agreement, the company will retain 44 jobs and create 4 new jobs.

Rep. Linehan has made meeting with local manufacturers a priority, visiting Cheshire manufacturers EDAC Technologies and Marion Manufacturing earlier this year. She also organized the first of its kind Student →Manufacturer Connection Fair to connect local manufacturers with technical high school and college students at the State Capitol in May.

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