

GETTING RHODE ISLANDERS BACK TO WORK

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY

Legislation	Benefits For Rhode Island
Make It In America Manufacturing Communities Act (H.R. 4505)	<p>Creates new opportunities for Rhode Island, which was a leading center of American manufacturing throughout the 20th century, to compete for federal funding through the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership program. Under this bill, Rhode Island will have an opportunity to compete for a “manufacturing community” designation that enhances its ability to leverage federal funding to expand advanced manufacturing and create good-paying, middle class jobs.</p>
Bridge to Manufacturing Act (H.R. 2000)	<p>Allows Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) centers around the nation, including Polaris MEP in Providence, to compete for funds to develop and implement apprenticeship and internship programs for a consortium of manufacturing companies in their regions.</p>
Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act (H.R. 344)	<p>Accelerates skills training for U.S. veterans in manufacturing career pathways, ensures veterans have the tools to translate military skills to the civilian workforce, and encourages manufacturers to recruit, hire, and train our nation’s heroes. Also directs the U.S. Department of Labor to award \$50 million in grants over the next 5 years to establish pilot State Manufacturing Employment Programs to support on-the-job training, apprenticeships, and certification classes for eligible veterans through employers and labor-management organizations.</p>
Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2713)	<p>Bolsters nursing education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study, and provides support for institutions that educate nurses for practice in medically underserved communities. Improves the education, practice, recruitment, and retention of highly-educated nurses.</p>
Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (H.R. 1088)	<p>Reauthorizes the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program through 2020 and renews the program’s 2009-2010 eligibility and benefit levels to ensure workers who have lost their job due to bad trade deals get the support they need.</p>