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## Representative Kane presents Carlstrom Pressed Metal with a Manufacturer of the Year Award

## Joins Fellow Manufacturing Caucus Members in Celebrating the Second Annual Manufacturing Award Ceremony

Boston, MA – State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) was pleased to present Westboroughbased Carlstrom Pressed Metal with a Manufacturer of the Year Award at a State House ceremony on Tuesday. As a member of the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus, Representative Kane originally nominated Carlstrom Pressed Metal for this recognition.

Hosted by the Massachusetts Legislative Manufacturing Caucus, the Second Annual Manufacturing Award Ceremony recognized 53 manufacturers that are truly making it in Massachusetts. The ceremony honored the manufacturers and showcased their innovative and revolutionary manufacturing capabilities and products. The event included companies who produce a range of products, from electronic storage systems, spheres, badges, network devices, bicycles, textiles, to even beer.

"The Manufacturing Caucus continues to highlight successful manufacturers all across the Commonwealth, and I am thrilled that Carlstrom Pressed Metal's long history as a manufacturer making it in Massachusetts since 1950 was recognized at the ceremony", stated Representative Hannah Kane. "It was my privilege to present Mr. David Carlstrom with this award, and recognize Carlstrom's history of success as a member of the Westborough business community and the state's manufacturing sector."

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award on behalf of all of our employees and customers past and present", stated David Carlstrom. "I would also like to thank Rep. Kane and Lt. Governor Polito who continue to provide assistance and support whenever the need arises."

Carlstrom Pressed Metal began as a contract manufacturer of light and heavy metal stampings, with a specialty in deep draw and progressive stampings. For over 65 years, Carlstrom Pressed Metal has produced millions of high quality stampings for commercial, industrial and government customers. The company is known for its quality and ability to stamp ferrous and non-ferrous materials as well as a specialty in deep draw, multi-operational, and progressive production.

Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees; encouraging innovation by

helping start-ups access resources; and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors.

Lieutenant Governor Karyn E. Polito, Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Jay Ash, Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg, and House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo offered remarks at the ceremony.

"Manufacturers in Massachusetts create high-quality, high-value goods, and are at the forefront of adopting new technology and innovative production techniques," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "Our administration is eager to continue working with employers, educational institutions and workforce development organizations to create a highly-skilled workforce, and partner with our colleagues in the legislature to support this critical industry."

The Manufacturing Caucus aims to increase Massachusetts' competitiveness in manufacturing by providing legislative support. Collaboration between manufacturers, community colleges, technical high schools and regional workforce boards is a way we can continue to develop talent and increase production.

Massachusetts is home to world-class makers of everything from machinery to biopharmaceuticals to jet engines. Manufacturing output here is at its highest level in history and accounts for more than 11 percent of the state's economy. It is the sixth largest employment sector here. According to the recently launched Manufacturing in Massachusetts website (http://www.mamanufacturing.com/), 10.1% of the Commonwealth's total economic output is tied to manufacturing and \$26 billion in manufactured goods were exported from the Commonwealth in 2016 alone. Roughly 250,000 employees work in the manufacturing sector in Massachusetts, comprising 7.8% of the total workforce in the state.

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