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OMA Lauds \$7.1M Investment to Strengthen Ohio's Manufacturing Workforce Pipeline

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) today lauded Gov. Mike DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel and Department of Education and Workforce Director Stephen D. Dackin for their \$7.1 million investment in career-connected learning in Ohio.

"The Career Pathway Support Network Grant will help strengthen the pipeline of skilled talent that manufacturers across Ohio depend on," said OMA President Ryan Augsburger. "Through the OMA's Industry Sector Partnerships, manufacturers are already leading regional efforts to connect educators, students and employers. The Career Pathway Support Networks will build on that momentum — expanding hands-on learning, mentorship and local collaboration to help more Ohioans discover rewarding careers in manufacturing. Together, we're building a stronger, future-ready workforce for our state."

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association comprised solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$133 billion annually to the economy.

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