



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

April 26, 2018

Eric Rondolat
Chief Executive Officer
Philips Lighting Corporate
200 Franklin Square Drive
Somerset, NJ 08873

Dear Mr. Rondolat:

It has come to our attention that Philips Lighting intends to close its facility located in the Industrial Park of Fall River. It is our understanding that the production facility will be relocated out of the country to Monterey, Mexico, as well as the research and development to Boisbriand, Canada. We write to express our deep concern about the closure, and its impacts on employees and families in our communities.

The closure of the manufacturing side of this facility alone will affect at least 160 workers by the end of 2018. This will directly and gravely impact the individuals who have spent their careers supporting the growth of Philips Lighting. While 160 employees may only represent a small fraction of your workforce, they matter to our communities, and to the Commonwealth.

Manufacturing helps drive the Massachusetts economy, as it accounts for 10.1 percent of the Commonwealth's total economic output and 7.8 percent of the Commonwealth's workforce, totaling about 250,000 employees. As strong supporters of the Commonwealth's capable and loyal workforce, we respectfully urge Philips Lighting to reconsider its current plans and take every possible measure to retain these jobs in Fall River, Massachusetts.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices with any questions or concerns. We look forward to your prompt response.


Sincerely,


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Michael J. Rodrigues
State Senator

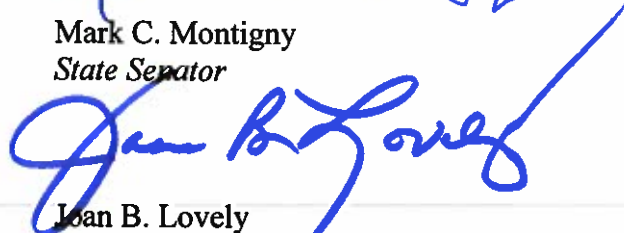
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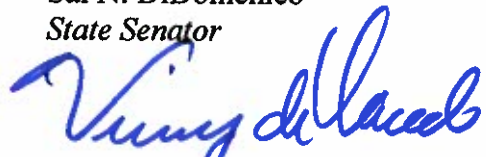

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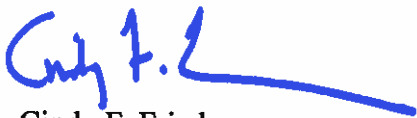

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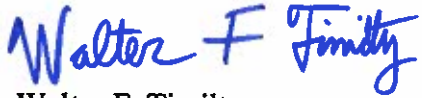
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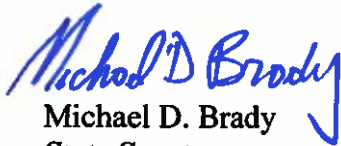
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