

# Connecticut Sheet Metal Workers Local 40 Training Center

## Training Center Tour with Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty



**September 1, 2017**  
**Rocky Hill, CT**

**Attendees included:**

- Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty, (CT-5)
- Steve Dodd, Political Director, Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers
- Paul Pescatello, Chairman, We Work for Health Connecticut
- Dave Roche

*President of the CT Building Trades and Business Manager of SMWIA Local 40*

### Labor and Industry Work Together For Connecticut

On Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to kick off the Labor Day weekend, Connecticut Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty toured the Sheet Metal Workers Local 40 Training Center in Rocky Hill, CT.

The event was hosted by the **Sheet Metal Workers Local 40, We Work for Health Connecticut** and the **Pharmaceutical Industry Labor - Management Association (PILMA)**.

During the interactive tour, **Local 40 Business Manager Dave Roche and Business Representative Jeremy Zeedyk**, demonstrated a new HVAC

safety initiative called "HVAC Fire Life Safety Program", which is the first of its kind in the country. The system is installed and maintained by highly trained sheet metal workers.

These systems, when operating properly, can save the lives of scientists, researchers and other pharmaceutical industry employees.

The day highlighted how the biopharmaceutical industry and labor work together in Connecticut to build new facilities, stimulate job growth, encourage innovation, support the local economy and create life-saving cures.



**Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty speaks at Sheet Metal Workers Local 40 in Rocky Hill, CT.**

### Life Sciences and Building Trades Invest in Connecticut

The biopharmaceutical industry is an important employer in the state of Connecticut.

Connecticut has been a leader in biopharmaceutical and medical research for decades. The unique combination of its universities, hospitals and lab facilities has provided an environment where new discoveries in biotech and bioscience can thrive.

Building upon its existing foundation, Connecticut is looking towards new horizons as it expands its efforts through new investments in the future of the bioscience industry.

Training centers like SMWIA Local 40's prepare skilled craftsmen and women to build efficient, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that help foster innovation in the industry.



**Steve Dodd, Dave Roche, Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty and Jeremy Zeedyk.**