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**Representative Kane presents C-2 Innovations, Inc. with
a Manufacturer of the Year Award**

**Joins Fellow Manufacturing Caucus Members in
Celebrating the Fourth Annual Awards Ceremony**

Boston, MA – State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) was pleased to present Shrewsbury-based C-2 Innovations, Inc. (C-2i) with a Manufacturer of the Year Award at a State House ceremony Tuesday, October 22nd. As a member of the Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus, Representative Kane originally nominated C-2i for this recognition.

C-2i specializes in estuarine robotics and designs and manufactures amphibious, autonomous crawlers that operate in surf, rivers, and marshes. Their work is instrumental in the collection of data to support surveys, dredging, environmental studies, and defense applications.

In addition to receiving a 2019 Manufacturing Award, C-2i is the recipient of a MassVenture START grant in recognition of its contribution to employment opportunities, manufacturing, commercialization, and innovation in the Commonwealth.

“The Manufacturing Caucus continues to highlight successful manufacturers in every region across the Commonwealth, and I am thrilled that C-2i was recognized at the ceremony as an innovative manufacturer who is committed to manufacturing their products in Massachusetts. I had the pleasure of touring C-2i earlier this year with Senator Michael Moore and I was so impressed by the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the C-2i team. They are most deserving of this recognition and I hope that they continue to grow their operations in Shrewsbury”, stated Representative Hannah Kane.

Arnis Mangolds, President of C-2i, accepted the award from the Manufacturing Caucus and Representative Kane at the State House.

“Being a small start-up in the technology world is a daunting challenge,” Arnis remarked. “The advice, financial support, encouragement, and recognition from Representative Hannah Kane, Senator Michael Moore, and the Mass-Ventures START program has been invaluable and came

at a crucial time. Their support has allowed us to create critical technologies and establish a growing workforce that will position us for success using all Massachusetts based resources. We very well may not have survived without their help. We are very honored and grateful and cannot thank them, the Manufacturing Caucus, and the State of Massachusetts enough.”

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. 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.

The Award Ceremony was the state’s Fourth Annual Manufacturing Award Ceremony sponsored by the Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus. Along with C-2i, 77 manufacturers were recognized for 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 make specialty and custom tools, decorative glass, baby products, marine robotics, gaskets, vacuum and cryogenic equipment, headwear apparel, custom scoliosis and spinal orthotic fabrication, medical devices, plant-based bioplastic products, and even chicken nuggets and fresh milled flour.

Representative Roy, Senator Eric P. Lesser (Co-Chair of the Caucus), Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Michael Kennealy, House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Ms. Brooke Thomson, Executive Vice President of Government Affairs at Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) offered remarks at the ceremony.

“Manufacturing is a critical part of our Commonwealth’s innovation economy, and the ‘Made in MA’ companies recognized today show the regional diversity of this sector,” said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. “Through programs like the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2) and the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program, the Baker-Polito Administration has partnered with the legislature to support and invest in manufacturing across Massachusetts.”

"Whether it's building the components for solar panels, advanced batteries, or cutting-edge medical devices, Massachusetts is home to some of the world's most cutting-edge manufacturers. This industry is also growing and desperate for workers, and today's celebration is meant to recognize the companies and organizations hiring and growing in every corner of our Commonwealth." Said Senator Eric P. Lesser (D-1st Hampden & Hampshire Senate District).

Congratulations to the employees of C-2i and to President Arnis Mangolds, for the company’s ongoing and well-deserved success.

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