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### **Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson Visits Machine Specialties Inc. During National Apprenticeship Week**

#### **Raleigh, NC**

This week Lt. Governor Mark Robinson visited Machine Specialties Inc. in part of celebrating the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Apprenticeship Week. Machine Specialties Inc. (MSI) has been manufacturing precision parts since 1969.

At MSI they believe that it is essential that their employees receive full knowledge about the company. During their time at MSI they can gain exposure to twelve different major departments throughout the company.

Lt. Governor Robinson had this to say about his recent visit, and apprenticeship programs as a whole, **“The future of our state and nation is our youth. To see young people in today’s society take part in these amazing apprenticeship opportunities gives me hope for the next generation. MSI has created a fantastic atmosphere for their apprentices to learn and find what career path they are most interested in.**

**This is something I continue to see as I have traveled to different businesses in our state who are offering apprenticeship opportunities to students. Throughout North Carolina, students have expressed to me how programs like this have positively impacted their lives and have given them guidance on what they want to do as a career. Through the ApprenticeshipNC program, we hope to see the number of apprenticeships grow throughout the state so that we can create a workforce for tomorrow.”**

The Lt. Governor’s office was able to help secure over 11 million dollars for the ApprenticeshipNC Program within the 2021-2022 state budget. This money will help engage Community College and High School students to join apprenticeship programs throughout the state of North Carolina and assist employers with the cost of onboarding and training apprentices.







