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**State Representative Fiola hosts *Fall River Portraits - Making Things*Exhibit and Diman Photography Club at the Massachusetts State House**

**Boston, MA (October 18, 2017)-** The *Fall River Portraits - Making Things*exhibit created by students from UMass Dartmouth Anthropology Department and Diman Regional Vocational High School’s photography club was exhibited at the Massachusetts State House during week of October 16th in recognition of Manufacturing Month which is held each October.State Representative Carole Fiola hosted the exhibit at the Massachusetts State House along with the Diman photography club students visit on October 18. During their visit, Representative Fiola organized a tour of the State House for the students and held a reception at the exhibit with the local state delegation: Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representatives Paul Schmid and Alan Silvia, and the Co-Chair of the Manufacturing Caucus Jeff Roy.

The group photographed the production processes and workers of locally-owned workshops and factories in Fall River earlier this year.  Their photographs depict the making of everything from shirts, hats, uniforms, leather bags, tool belts, and jackets; to nuts and bolts, precision machinery, and high-end security cameras; to furniture, pillows and mattresses, musical instruments, jewelry, soaps and toiletries, and dental implants. Their work was originally on exhibit at the Narrows Center for the Arts in Fall River.

“When I first saw this exhibit at the Narrows Center, I was fascinated reading the captions about the lives of the employees, employers and the products made in Fall River” said Fiola. “The combination of photos and captions tells a moving story of manufacturing, economic development, immigration and life. I am happy many of my colleagues at the Massachusetts State House, their staff, and visitors from around the country were able enjoy it.”

This project was made possible by grants from the University of Massachusetts President’s Office and UMass Dartmouth’s Center for Civic Engagement and College of Arts and Sciences, contributions from Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, and the enthusiastic collaboration of the owners and employees of the participating businesses.  The project is coordinated by Dr. Andrea Klimt, Director of Urban Studies and Anthropology professor at UMass Dartmouth, and Mrs. Michelle Gaudencio, graphic communications teacher at Diman Regional and faculty a9visor of the Photography Club.

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