

**Pat Hartwell, B. Braun Medical Inc.,  
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Thank you Mr. Chairman and Representatives. I am Patricia Hartwell, Director of Corporate Human Resources for B. Braun Medical Inc., a major manufacturer of medical devices which employs almost 2,000 employees in the Lehigh Valley including Allentown and Bethlehem and over 40,000 workers worldwide. We appreciate you holding this important hearing on jobs creation in the Lehigh Valley, a strategic location in which B. Braun has chosen to invest, grow its business, create jobs and become part of the community. As long-time partners with the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board, Inc. in career awareness, Industry Partnerships, PA CareerLink® Lehigh Valley business services, on-the-job training and regional workforce initiatives, B. Braun supports the communities in which it operates and provides its employees with a competitive wage, comprehensive health, welfare, and voluntary benefits, and training opportunities to enhance their skills and advance their careers.

I would like to bring to your attention three issues that may impede jobs creation for B. Braun and how you as policymakers could help us continue to grow our business, retain our employees and even add to our workforce. These three issues are: (1) regulatory uncertainty, (2) the medical device tax, and (3) state assistance with expansion which includes bolstering the one-stop concept through continued funding for the PA CareerLink® workforce system, Industry Partnerships and On-the-Job Training, increasing the funding for career and technical education, and supporting initiatives that improve the image of a technical education and manufacturing.