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Senator Baddour paves way for jobs, business growth in Methuen

Senator Baddour helps Parlex consolidate Northeast operations in Methuen, creating 40 new jobs

November 16, 2006, Methuen – State Senator Steven A. Baddour (D-Methuen) helped cut through government bureaucracy for a high-tech company earlier this month, earning praise from the company’s general manager while creating 40 new jobs in Methuen.

Parlex, after being purchased by Johnson Electric in August, is consolidating its Northeast operations in Methuen. As part of the relocation, Parlex moved a hot air furnace from its Rhode Island facility to Methuen but was denied approval to operate. In order to resume full operations and complete the relocation of 40 jobs Parlex needed a state variance from the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

Representatives from Parlex contacted Senator Baddour when it looked like it may be stopped by local regulations. Senator Baddour contacted the Governor’s office and various state and city agencies over the course of 24 hours, and successfully lobbied on their behalf.

“Parlex is a large employer in my district and I will do everything I can to efficiently navigate the government bureaucracies they—and any other company looking to create jobs in our community—may face,” Senator Baddour said. “Economic growth is more than an abstract concept; it is state and local leaders working with businesses like Parlex to bring well-paying jobs to our communities.”



The aid to Parlex continues Senator Baddour's dedication to economic growth in the Merrimack Valley. In October, Senator Baddour received a perfect voting score from the Massachusetts High Technology Council for his record in support of high-tech business growth.

"Senator Baddour is without question a leading advocate for the technology community on Beacon Hill, as proven by his perfect rating on the High Tech Council's legislative assessment tool," said Council President Christopher Anderson. "But through his dogged efforts to bring Parlex to Methuen, he has shown that he is willing to roll up his sleeves and do what is necessary to deliver new technology jobs to his district and the Commonwealth."

Parlex, headquartered in Methuen, employs more than 150 people to design and produce custom, flexible circuits, laminated cables and polymer thick film products for automobiles, telecommunications, aerospace and other high technology markets.

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