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Cheshire, CT, August 7, 2019 -- U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) today toured Consolidated Industries, Inc. in Cheshire, Connecticut (www.consolindustries.com), a designer and manufacturer of critical aerospace forgings for landing gears, jet engines, helicopter rotors, airframes, and wheels. Following his tour, the Senator formally addressed and then individually greeted Consolidated Industries' employees. Senator Blumenthal acknowledged the key role of Consolidated Industries and other Connecticut companies in supporting the nation's defense efforts. "By supplying the critical components for our country's defense, the employees of companies like Consolidated Industries are no less important as our valued men and women in uniform," Senator Blumenthal stated. Answering a question concerning the defense budget, he pointed out that the defense budget remained robust, and defense priorities within the budget attracted strong bi-partisan support. He noted "As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I can see that there is continued support by my Democratic and Republican colleagues for helicopter, jet fighter, and submarine programs."

Prior to the Senator's address before the assembled employees, John Wilbur, CEO of Consolidated Industries, remarked "We are sincerely grateful that Senator Blumenthal has been a steadfast advocate of our nation's defense capabilities". Wilbur added, "we are profoundly proud to demonstrate to the Senator our own state-of-the-art capabilities in supplying quality components to Department of Defense programs for nearly 70 years." He pointed out Consolidated's recent substantial investments designed to enhance productivity, quality, safety, and environmental impact. Recently, Consolidated Industries installed new hydraulic forge presses at a cost of \$12 million.

As senior U.S. Senator from Connecticut, Blumenthal serves on the Senate Armed Services, Veteran's Affairs, Judiciary, and Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees. Senator Blumenthal is a graduate of Harvard University, Cambridge University, and Yale Law School. He served as a member of the U.S. Marine Reserves. He served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, as a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, Connecticut Senate, and Attorney General of Connecticut.

Consolidated Industries is an integral supply chain partner for forged products found in high technology applications including fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, jet engines, military

hardware, power generation, centrifuges and more. Consolidated Industries is capable of producing forgings that range in size from 1 to 200 pounds in low or high volumes. Consolidated also offers partial or full machining services. It is an affiliate of American Industrial Acquisition Corporation (www.aiac.com).

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