

February 7, 2014

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
City of Somerville  
Somerville, Massachusetts

Re: Offer of Gift of Tools and Instruments to SHS Machine Technology Program

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Our brother, Bill Wright, a research and development machinist passed away last Fall after a short battle with cancer. His director wrote of Bill, "he was an excellent R&D machinist. Arthur D. Little only hired the best and demanded nothing less than exceptional. Bill easily met these requirements. He was capable of working with everyone from our young MIT staff to our old dinosaurs . . . Bill's skills and professionalism are sadly becoming lost in America."

In fulfillment of Bill's wish that his professional tools and instruments be given to a machine shop educational program for students to develop the skills he learned in a similar high school machine shop program, we offer these tools and instruments, as is, as a gift to the Somerville High Machine Tech program for the purpose of the tools being used to train students and develop the skills and knowledge necessary to utilize and care for such tools and instruments.

The tools and instruments have been valued at \$10,000 as is. Assistant Principal Leo DeSimone and Machine Tech Program Director Donald Medeiros have expressed a desire to accept the gift for the SHS Machine Tech program.

Sincerely,

Francis X. Wright, Jr.  
Mary Ellen Fava  
Kathleen M. Sullivan