

June 26, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Modification of Naming Recommendation for the RTX Technology Research Center

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees, as requested by donors, rename the Level G cleanroom bay (third bay) located in the Science 1 Building on the Storrs campus as the “RTX Clean Room.” The Board named the Level G cleanroom as the RTX Research Center on February 28, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Dedicated to the interdisciplinary fields of materials science and engineering, Science 1 is one of the University’s largest and most technologically advanced research buildings. Science 1 is the centerpiece of the University’s new Northwest Science Quad “science district.”

RTX and its business units are strategic corporate partners of the University. With a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion, they have provided scholarship support to underserved students within the College of Engineering. In October 2023, UConn held its first RTX-UConn Research Day with the aim of building a stronger, longer-term, and broader research strategic partnership.

RTX Corporation is an American aerospace and defense conglomerate formed by the merger of United Technologies Corporation and Raytheon that includes three subsidiaries: Collins Aerospace, Pratt and Whitney, and Raytheon. RTX serves customers in commercial aerospace and defense industries. RTX’s current gift was consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

At its June 4, 2024, meeting, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended modification to the full Board.