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MACNY Kicks off Government Relations Executive Speaker Series: On the Road!

In November and December, MACNY held its first two of our popular monthly Government Relations Executive Speaker Series: On the Road! This series connects our Elected Officials and MACNY members, all participating in a tour of one of our local world-class manufacturing facilities and concluding with a dialogue with attendees on policy and manufacturing in New York State.



Our first Speaker Series event was with Senator Pamela Helming (R, C, IP-54th), a first term Senator, and was hosted at Currier Plastics in Auburn, New York. Senator Helming joined twenty MACNY members on a guided tour of the manufacturing facility, guided by President John Currier and his team. During the last hour of the session, MACNY members discussed with the Senator the 2018 legislative session outlook, and discussed, in depth, the need for stronger policies in areas such as workforce and energy. Much of the dialogue centered around the need for regulatory burdens to be eased on the State level, following in tune with the recent regulatory lifts that have been proposed and implemented on the State level.

In December, our second Speaker Series was held, hosting Senator Fred Akshar (R, C, IP-52nd), this time in his district at The Raymond Corporation facility in Greene, New York. Again a maxed out attendee list of MACNY Members joined the Senator in a full tour of the impressive Raymond facility, led by Senior Vice President Rick Harrington and his staff. The tour concluded with a presentation by Senator Akshar on some of the work he and his conference have been doing on behalf of manufacturers, as well as a lively discussion on the need and continued support of Albany for apprenticeship and workforce needs for our sector.

