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Farewell

This comes with great sadness to let you all know that after 144 newsletters, this will be my last one. I know, I know, each month you have sat by waiting with bated breath, checking your mailbox every five minutes waiting for my witty banter and never boring updates on State and Federal Government, tears running down your cheeks over the emotions that were triggered by wise words and monthly column....

All joking aside, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you. For nearly twelve years, you as MACNY members and friends have empowered me to do all the things I love doing: building coalition efforts around advocacy issues of importance, bringing together like-minded folks to push for better policy, and working with amazing folks like yourself and your employees. Your businesses have remain engaged and supportive of varied issues by attending our briefings and speaker series, and even coming to Albany and Washington so lawmakers could see the real issues that their policies impact. Your stories, your letters, your visits, your engagement, and your support over the past twelve years have been the driving force behind the many significant pieces of policy we have fought for and won. I cannot thank you enough for your constant support of our advocacy efforts here at MACNY.

I will still be working in the area on the startup business I created a few years ago and would love to still stay connected. If you care to reach out, I can be reached at karyn@karynburns.com. Additionally, I will still be around MACNY on occasion, providing some assistance and support as needed to the new Government Relations Director as they make their transition, so hopefully I will see all of you from time to time at the office!

Additionally, as my last advocacy effort in leading the MACNY team, I have started a quiet grassroots campaign to be gifted a lifetime ticket to the MACNY Annual Dinner. Thus far, despite using my trademark lobbying tactics of subtle insertion into conversation and call to action email blasts to the entire staff, I oddly have not yet heard one way or another on this very critical effort of mine. Should anyone be interested in providing me with a letter of support, please feel free to do so.

Thank you again for your years of support, encouragement, humor (see paragraph above), hard work, dedication, and enlightenment. I am proud to say that I have had the opportunity to represent the hardest working, most determined communities in the world. Thank you for all you do to support both MACNY and our state and region's manufacturing sector.

Best,
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