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## MEMO IN OPPOSITION

Bill S.1947 / A.1261

The Manufacturers Alliance opposes legislation S.1947 (Ramos) / A.1261 (Bronson) that would inflate the cost of future construction, while also discouraging public-private partnership throughout New York State. This legislation would unnecessarily expand the definition of public work to include nearly all future construction projects, including those that receive even minor incentives or assistance from local governments. As a result, this could subject nearly all economic development projects in the State of New York to prevailing wage. The effects would be immediate and devastating to the State, bringing billions of dollars in present and future economic development initiatives screeching to a halt.

Projects that would be impacted the most include those that rely on public funding to provide a community good – affordable housing, brownfield redevelopments, historic preservation, health care, renewable energy and nonprofits, to name a few examples. Additionally, this bill would mandate that the off-site fabrication of products and materials be included under the expanded definition, harming interstate and international commerce and subsequently putting New York companies across a range of industries at a major competitive disadvantage.

MACNY has joined a coalition called Don't Block NY Building Coalition whose members include: Business Council of New York State, Real Estate Board of New York, Associated Builders and Contractors – Empire State Chapter, American Council of Engineering Companies of New York, American Institute of Architects New York State, Associated General Contractors – New York State, Association for a Better Long Island, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Business Council of Westchester, Capital Region Chamber, Center State CEO, Cortland County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, North Country Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity NY, Healthcare Association of New York State, Long Island Association, Long Island Builders Institute, MACNY (Manufacturers Association of Central New York), National Federation of Independent Business – New York, NYS Builders Association, NYS Economic Development Council, New York State Association for Affordable Housing, Steuben County IDA, Unshackle Upstate, Northeastern Subcontractors Association, Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce, and Seneca County Chamber of Commerce, among others.

MACNY, the Manufacturers Association, represents over 330 companies. Distributed across 26 counties in Central and Upstate New York, MACNY's member companies employ over 50,000 workers. The organization provides human resource services, training, purchasing solutions, networking opportunities and advocacy support for its members. For more information, please visit [www.macny.org](http://www.macny.org).