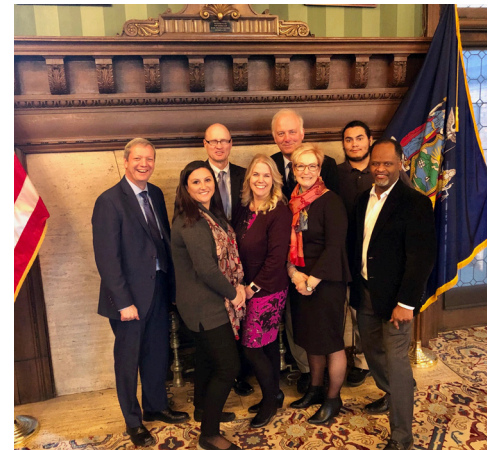


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Manufacturing Lobby Day



The power of a collective voice - that's what we conveyed to State Legislators on March 6th when we, along with nearly 50 of our Alliance Partner members and MACNY Members, gathered in Albany (or hit the hallways of the Capitol) to advocate on behalf of the local manufacturing industry. We held more than 25 productive meetings with key State Assembly Members and Senators, and/or their staff, focusing on economic development, workforce initiatives, energy, and human resources. Thank you to all who attended!

Two specific measures we were there to champion were a 0% tax rate for all manufacturers to be included in the final 2019-20 State Budget and continued state funding for our very successful New York State Manufacturing Intermediary Apprenticeship Program. We also were there to share our concerns with some current proposals that would significantly hurt Central New York companies, such as legislation that would expand the definition of "public works" to include nearly all future construction projects, including those that receive assistance from local and state governments. In addition, we discussed ongoing energy, human resources and labor issues. Also, we heard from Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul on economic development, job growth, and the need for skilled workforce in the State of New York.

It's critically important that we sit down with our State Legislators to share our unique and compelling perspectives, answer their questions, and discuss how certain policy and legislative issues might impact manufacturers in the communities they serve. But our work doesn't stop here!

We will continue to work with our MACNY Members and our elected officials on these and other important issues as the 2019 Legislative Session progresses. Of course, we look forward to building upon the relationships we have fostered with some of our newly elected state officials. Remember - your voice matters! Please contact me anytime to discuss any issue that I could help advocate for on your behalf. I can be reached at (315) 474-4201 ext. 13 or tiffanylatinog@macny.org.