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The 2019-20 New York State Budget - What Manufacturing Companies Can Expect to See in The New Budget

A new state budget was passed by April 1st, and I am pleased to announce that it included \$750,000 for MACNY's Manufacturing Intermediary Apprenticeship Program, known as MIAP.

From the start of budget negotiations, MACNY members, Alliance partners, and passionate supporters of MIAP joined efforts to strongly advocate for the continued funding of this important program. This critical funding will allow us to continue the great work we have been doing to date to support the more than 200 manufacturing apprentices who are presently enrolled in MIAP. These hardworking men and women are improving their skill levels and career pathways, while helping their companies boost productivity, increase staff retention, and meet workforce challenges. We applaud the New York State Senate, which included the \$750,000 in its one-house budget resolution, and we thank all the Senators and Assembly Members who pushed for this funding in the final state budget.

Another budget highlight was the passage of a historic permanent two percent property tax cap. MACNY has long supported the property tax cap, which was first implemented in 2012 and has since provided savings of more than \$23 billion. The measure works by placing a cap on the growth of school property taxes at two percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. MACNY recognizes that a stable property tax cap, supplemented by real mandate relief, will serve as a crucial step to improving New York's overall economic climate and bolstering the state's manufacturing competitiveness.

Finally, we are pleased that the State Legislature and Governor decided to remove language from the final state budget that would have expanded the definition of public works and imposed construction prevailing wage on nearly all economic development projects in the state. This proposed expansion could be considered again post-budget session and could significantly drive up construction costs and halt countless projects, if passed. As the 2019 Legislative Session progresses, we will continue to share our collective voice on this proposal, as well as other proposals such as a massive renewable energy mandate, and urge members of the Legislature to consider the needs of all manufacturers in New York.

If you are concerned about pending legislation that could potentially harm your business, please contact me at 315-474-4201 ext. 13. I am here to answer any of your questions or to help advocate on your behalf.