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MACNY's Upcoming Annual Legislative Breakfast

Since Governor Cuomo recently signed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) into law, we have heard from several of our members with questions about its potential impact and timetable. The CLCPA mandates that New York's electric sector reach 100% zero emissions by 2040, and it directs the state to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions to 15% of 1990 levels by 2050. Here's a brief rundown of the CLCPA's timeline:

Once the bill takes effect January 1, 2020, a 22-member Council will be formed consisting of state agency commissioners and authority presidents as well as experts who will be appointed by the Governor and state legislative leaders. With feedback from advisory panels and work groups, this Council will then have three years to prepare, finalize, and submit a scoping plan that will outline recommendations for attaining the new ghg emissions levels. The CLCPA will undoubtedly present some challenges for certain members, especially those that are energy intensive, so we are working to keep you informed and up to date on the new law as more details develop.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) will be a significant topic discussed at MACNY's Annual Legislative Breakfast on October 15, 2019 at the Cavalry Club in Manlius. Ken Pokalsky, Vice President of The Business Council, will start the conversation with an educational presentation on the legislation. I encourage you and others from your company to join us at this event to better understand the provisions of this bill and what they could mean for your business in the years to follow.

In addition, our legislative breakfast will feature a report from Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon and a panel discussion on other state and federal issues pertinent to the manufacturing industry. You can expect some of these topics to include tax parity for all manufacturers, the proposed state bill that would create a single-payer healthcare system, and the proposal to legalize recreational marijuana in New York.

On the federal level, key topics of discussion at MACNY's Annual Legislative Breakfast will likely be the ongoing trade issues with China, as well as the proposed United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) - the negotiated deal aimed at replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to chat with elected officials and/or their staff at the breakfast meet and greet.

As always, please feel free to contact me on ways you can get further engaged in advocacy as we continue to track these legislative issues and prepare for the start of a new year. I hope to see you at our annual legislative breakfast. For more information, e-mail me at tiffanylatinog@macny.org.