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MACNY's Annual Legislative Breakfast Focuses on Key State Issues

Approximately 90 MACNY members, elected officials, and staff members attended MACNY's Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Cavalry Club on October 15. Each year, this signature MACNY event provides members with access to our local, state, and federal representatives, as well as the opportunity to hear more about significant legislation that has either passed or is pending in the State Legislature or the United States Congress.

This year's legislative breakfast included an economic development report from Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon and an informative presentation on the implementation timeline of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) by Ken Pokalsky, Vice President of The Business Council of New York State. Both presentations stimulated a spirited dialogue among our members at hand.

In addition, this year's Member Spotlight was cryogenetic equipment manufacturer, Cryomech. Chief Executive Officer Kelly Wypych shared some of the exciting details about the company's recent groundbreaking for a new 76,000 square-foot facility in the Town of DeWitt, among other thought-provoking topics.



This year's panel discussion covered a lot of ground—from cyber security measures to new state labor laws, our five panelists offered unique perspectives and instructive feedback on various state issues. Paul Henry from The Bonadio Group discussed how small to medium sized manufacturers could benefit from a zero percent income tax rate as do C-Corps, while Anne Tarpinian with Ostroff Associates explained how New Yorkers could become better prepared to meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act once it takes effect. In addition, Chris Dugan with Knowles shared his insightful knowledge about leading and building business operations in New York State, and Steve Stazeokonis with Secure Network Technologies urged attendees to be mindful of cyber crimes and encouraged them to protect themselves from hackers. Furthermore, Andrew Bobrek with Bond Schoeneck & King provided helpful information about the many state labor bills taking effect in New York, such as the new pay equity measures.

I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in this year's event. I'd also like to extend sincere gratitude to our event sponsors for their valued support: Attis Ethanol, C&S Companies, Covanta, Fust Charles Chambers, Gear Motions, INFICON, and WestRock.

MACNY realizes how important it is that we continue to garner feedback from you, our members, as we plan our legislative agenda for 2020. We will be following up with an online legislative survey at the end of the year, and we highly encourage you to fill out this questionnaire. We also hope you will consider joining us as we head to Albany in March for our annual Manufacturing Lobby Day.