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## Governor Cuomo Lays Out His 2021 Agenda

*The NYS Legislative Session Began January 6th  
Joint Legislative Budget Hearing Will Commence in February*

In his 11th State of the State address, Governor Andrew Cuomo laid out his agenda for 2021 – announcing various proposals aimed at supporting New York State manufacturing.

Some of these proposals are as follows:

**Medical Supplies Act** – to incentivize New York State companies to produce personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. The Act will prioritize buying American-made products and provide incentives to New York companies to start or increase the production of critical medical supplies. New York will purchase such supplies from these companies first.

**Pathways Pledge** - to advance workforce development in the State of New York. Participating employers will report on their progress in implementing certain measures, such as investing in current worker retraining or skills development, creating more apprenticeship programs, and exploring additional support for low-income workers or those in training like childcare or transportation subsidies. There are sixteen founding employers participating in the Pledge, including several MACNY member companies.

**Infrastructure** – to invest \$306 Billion in a statewide infrastructure plan. These projects throughout the State of New York will boost New York State manufacturing and help create jobs. In Upstate, Governor Cuomo noted the I-81 Viaduct, expected to break ground next year, and Upstate Airport Revitalization projects.

So, what's next?

Governor Cuomo also has released his Executive Budget. The State Legislature will hold Joint Public Budget Hearings during the month of February and then work to pass one-house budget proposals before agreeing to a final State Budget by the April 1 deadline. For a full list of 2021 State of the State Agenda items, visit [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SOTS2021Book\\_Final.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SOTS2021Book_Final.pdf).

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