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The 2020 Election and 2021 State Legislative Session

Now that we've said goodbye to 2020 and welcomed in 2021, a new Legislative Session will begin in Albany. The first day of session is scheduled for January 6th. Governor Andrew Cuomo will also unveil his Executive Budget proposal.

The November election resulted in a historic win for Senate Democrats in the State of New York as they secured two-thirds of the seats in the Senate chamber and clinched a "supermajority." A supermajority status provides them with more negotiating power with the Governor, and the ability to override vetoes from the Governor's office.

Many new individuals were elected to the state legislature. We have posted their biographies on our website at macny.org/advocacy. We also will be holding webinars with our new state representatives from Central New York and beyond in the new year.

The State Senate Majority Conference will once again be led by Westchester area Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who was unanimously re-elected by her colleagues as Majority Leader, making her the first Democrat to serve two consecutive terms in that position.

In the Assembly, the Democrats also hold a 107-member Democratic supermajority. The Assembly Majority members have voted to keep Carl Heastie as their leader. Both Legislative Leaders have said a major focus of this year's session will be the ongoing response to COVID-19 and the state's growing budget deficit because of the pandemic. Now the question remains - Will Albany look to "revenue raisers," in order to help bridge this growing budget gap?

MACNY and our Alliance Partners will continue to track important state issues and advocate for the pieces of legislation and proposed policy changes that could impact New York State manufacturers, either negatively or positively. We also will be e-mailing out a 2021 Legislative Survey that we hope you will take the time to fill out to share your valuable input on pending issues. As always, please feel free to e-mail me any time at tiffanylatinog@macny.org.