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## Albany Update

Over the last several weeks, there have been many developments emerging out of Albany. On August 10th in a video message to New Yorkers, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced his resignation. Former New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul has since become New York's 57th Governor and the first female to hold the post. MACNY has been working with her team on various ongoing issues related to manufacturing.

Several bills that passed both houses during the 2021 Legislative Session have been sent to the Governor's desk for final consideration or await further action. Below is a brief update on some of those bills that would impact New York businesses.

**Small Business Recovery Grant Tax Exemption (S.7230/A.8033)** - Legislation to provide an exclusion from income for amounts received from the COVID-19 pandemic small business recovery grant program. The bill was signed by Governor Cuomo.

**Shared Work Program Requirement (S.18A/A.7353)** - Legislation to require the Department of Labor to annually provide information to employers about the shared work program eligibility. The bill passed the Senate and Assembly and will be delivered to the Governor.

**New York Health and Essential Rights Act (NY HERO Act)** - This new state law mandates workplace health and safety protections in response to COVID-19. Under the law, the New York State Department of Labor, in consultation with the NYS Department of Health, developed a new Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Standard, a Model Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Plan,

and industry-specific model plans for the prevention of airborne infectious diseases. Employers had until August 5, 2021, to either adopt the applicable policy plan provided by the Department of Labor OR establish an alternative plan that meets the minimum requirements. Employers are now required to post a written notice of their plan to workers by September 4th. Plans only need to go into effect when an airborne infectious disease is designated by the NYS Commissioner of Health as a highly contagious communicable disease.

The following legislative proposals did not move during the 2021 State Legislative Session. These measures are ones that MACNY will continue to share concerns on with state legislators as the year continues.

**The New York Health Act (S.5474/A.6058)** – The proposed legislation did not advance in either house. MACNY opposes this bill as it would create a government run, “single payer” health care system to replace New York's current system of health coverage. The system would be financed by a mandatory new payroll tax on both employers and employees.

**The Climate and Community Investment Act (S.4264A/A.6967)** – This legislation would enact the CCIA. MACNY and other various business groups are concerned with this proposal as it would levy a “climate pollution fee” on all carbon-based fuels, including natural gas, petroleum, municipal solid waste, and biofuels, as well as on related fugitive methane emissions.

**Please mark your calendars for this year's Legislative Breakfast on October 19th!** At this time, we plan to hold the event in person at the DoubleTree Hotel in East Syracuse. To register, visit [macny.org/events](https://macny.org/events). In the meantime, we will continue to keep you updated on local, state, and federal issues as they arise. If you have any questions or concerns that you'd like to discuss, please email me at [tiffanylating@macny.org](mailto:tiffanylating@macny.org).



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# ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

8 - 10 AM

DoubleTree Hotel, E. Syracuse, NY



## EVENT SUMMARY

Each year, this event serves as a regional opportunity for manufacturers and business leaders to meet with their local, state, and federal representatives to discuss issues that are pertinent to the manufacturing community.

The event begins with a meet and greet with elected officials, followed by a plated breakfast, a legislative update, and a program with speakers.

## DATE & LOCATION

October 19, 2021 | 8 - 10 AM

DoubleTree Hotel

6301 NY-298

East Syracuse, NY 13057

## COST

\$80 per MACNY Member | \$85 per non-MACNY Member

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## REGISTRATION

Space is limited and registration is required.

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## AT A GLANCE

- 8:00-8:30 AM: Meet & Greet with Elected Officials and Staff
- 8:30-9:00 AM: Plated Breakfast, Welcome Remarks, and Legislative Introductions
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM: Event Program - Legislative Agenda and Updates on NY HERO Act, the proposed New York Health Act, and the Climate and Community Investment Act (CCIA), plus other key topics.

**Questions?**

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