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2022 Legislative Session and Election Look Ahead *What to watch for in Albany*

The general election is over and the holidays are upon us. That means the start of the 2022 Legislative Session is just a few weeks away.

The MACNY Government Relations team has already been holding productive meetings with state legislators and Governor Kathy Hochul's executive staff to advocate for some main priorities. Once again, we are requesting continued state funding to support and grow the Manufacturers Intermediary Apprenticeship Program (MIAP). We also continue to lobby for the extension of a zero percent tax rate to smaller manufacturers that are organized as S corporations, proprietorships, LLCs, and partnerships (pass-through entities) in order to provide tax equality to all manufacturing companies in New York. With the help of The Bonadio Group, we were able to update the Beacon Hill Study to demonstrate how CNY manufacturers could benefit from this tax measure and re-invest in their communities. For more information on the bill A.3734 (Stirpe)/S.27(Kaplan), visit macny.org.

In addition, we continue to have conversations with our state legislators regarding certain proposals we have flagged as important to our industry. One proposal is the Climate and Community Investment Act (CCIA), which would seek to transition New York to 100 percent renewable energy and place a fee on carbon emissions. Another is the New York Health Act, which would create a single payer healthcare system in New York. Advocates for the New York Health Act say it would help correct a crisis of underinsurance in the state, while opponents worry it would increase costs for employers and possibly lead to job losses. We know there are strong opinions on both sides of these issues with MACNY members and business organizations weighing in throughout the state.

The new year also looks to bring a highly anticipated election for Governor of New York State as more candidates throw their hat in the race and New Yorkers prepare to head to the polls to select a leader.

To help ensure we are advocating on behalf of all our members on different issues, I will be sending out an online legislative survey that I hope you will complete and return to me by the beginning of the new year. We also will be holding monthly government relations webinars to provide you with the latest developments out of Albany and Washington, gather your input and feedback, and strengthen our advocacy efforts. Furthermore, we will be continuing to use our electronic tool i360 to connect members with their elected officials on important state and federal issues. I look forward to your participation.