

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Tiffany Latino-Gerlock, Director of Government Relations & Communications

U.S. SENATOR KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND PROMOTES MADE IN AMERICA MANUFACTURING



As Americans continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption of the global supply chain, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand from New York is championing federal legislation titled *Made in America Manufacturing Communities Act of 2022* that supports domestic manufacturing critical for our economic and national security and strengthens the U.S. manufacturing base through long-term investments. MACNY supports this bill and is appreciative of Senator Gillibrand's efforts.

MACNY President & CEO, Randy Wolken, was pleased to join Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and other community leaders at Syracuse University on March 11, 2022, for a press conference on legislation Gillibrand co-sponsors in Congress that would create a Manufacturing Communities Support Program within the Department of Commerce. Through this program, the Secretary of Commerce would designate eligible consortia as "Manufacturing Communities," which would then be made eligible for federal financial or technical assistance designed to expand and support domestic manufacturing.

This bipartisan bill would create a successor program to the EDA's "Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership" (IMCP) pilot program which operated in 2014 and 2015. During this time, the program enrolled 24 locally organized public-private groups that demonstrated best practices in advancing innovative regional manufacturing economies.

Eligible manufacturing companies would be able to receive aid for investments in equipment, workforce training, worker recruitment and retention, advanced research, supply chain development, and/or business incubators. Eligible consortiums would include partnerships between commercial industry, State and local government organizations, and academic or workforce training organizations.

If you would like more information, please send me an email at tiffanylatinog@macny.org. You can also visit Senator Gillibrand's website at www.gillibrand.senate.gov.

We will keep you posted on the movement of this bill and other important ongoing federal efforts to boost Made in America.



MACNY President & CEO, Randy Wolken, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and other community leaders at Syracuse University on March 11, 2022.