



MEMO OF SUPPORT

Manufacturing Modernization Program

MACNY – The Manufacturers Association and The Manufacturers Alliance of New York support the proposed \$10 million Manufacturing Modernization Program in the Governor’s State Budget. This is a timely and strategic investment that will strengthen New York’s manufacturing ecosystem at a pivotal moment. By directing \$5 million toward special statewide initiatives — such as supply chain resiliency, cybersecurity, and Industry 4.0 adoption — and \$5 million toward a capital project fund managed by NY MEP, the proposal recognizes both the immediate and long-term needs of manufacturers. These targeted investments will help small and mid-sized manufacturers modernize operations, enhance productivity, and compete in an increasingly digital and globally competitive environment. We are extremely grateful to see this initiative included in the Governor’s budget and strongly support its intent to accelerate innovation and capacity across the state.

At the same time, we respectfully recommend that there be an increase in base center funding for the regional NY MEP centers. Regional NY MEP centers have not received an increase in base funding in 19 years. During that period, inflation has risen approximately 54% based on the Consumer Price Index, significantly eroding the purchasing power and operational capacity of our centers. Strengthening base funding would ensure that regional MEP centers have the stable, sustainable resources necessary to deliver core services, support workforce and technology adoption efforts, and implement statewide priorities effectively. Investing in base funding is not only a matter of fairness after nearly two decades without adjustment — it is a practical step to ensure that manufacturers in every region have the consistent, high-quality support they need to modernize, grow, and drive New York’s economic future.

ABOUT MACNY: [MACNY, The Manufacturers Association](#), is a 113-year-old non-profit organization representing manufacturers and other non-industrial service providers throughout Central New York. With a commitment to enhancing economic development and workforce opportunities, MACNY serves as an advocate for manufacturers, offering a wide array of programs and services to help businesses grow and thrive in a competitive global market.

ABOUT THE MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK: The Manufacturers Alliance of New York is a statewide organization comprised of nine manufacturing associations, united to advocate for the manufacturing community in Albany and Washington.