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First Manufacturers Alliance Manufacturers Day a Success

The Manufacturers Alliance of New York, a partnership between the Manufacturers Association of Central New York, The Council of Industry and the Chief Executive Network, held what they hope will be the first of many Manufacturing Days, January 28th in Albany. The day was an opportunity to rally together and convey to Albany elected officials their legislative agenda for the upcoming session.

Alliance President Randy Wolken opened the program, along with Alliance Vice President Harold King, by presenting the legislative priorities for the Manufactures Alliance. These priorities are the result of a survey of manufacturers across the state. The top five issues are:

1. Reduce Health Care Costs
2. Ensure worker's comp Reductions
3. Cut Taxes
4. Create a Comprehensive Energy Reform Program

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5. Restrict Budget Growth and State Spending

Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco addressed the gathering of more than 50 manufacturing executives. He welcomed their input and expressed his appreciation for their help in pushing for a pro- growth, pro- business agenda in Albany.

Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno delivered a lunchtime keynote address where he presented a 10 point plan to revitalize New York State. It focuses on cutting taxes, reducing the costs of energy and health care, and workforce development. Senator Bruno too hopes manufacturers can help him implement this plan that includes:

1. Reducing Taxes for Small Businesses, Manufacturers and Key Industries
2. Building and Investing in a 21st Century Infrastructure for the Upstate Economy
3. Making Upstate an International Powerhouse in New and Emerging Technologies
4. Reducing Energy Costs for Employers and Promote Energy Independence
5. Reducing Health Care Costs for Small Businesses to Insure More Families
6. Creating Thriving Main Streets
7. Winning the Global Competition for Manufacturing Plants
8. Preparing the Finest Workforce in the Nation
9. Providing Around the Clock Access to the State's Economic Development Programs
10. Marketing Upstate's Outstanding Recreational, Cultural and Tourism Opportunities

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In the afternoon manufactures met with legislators and /or their key staff to introduce themselves and to discuss issues of importance. In all Manufacturers Alliance members met with more than 30 legislators.

The day concluded with a reception at the beautiful observation deck on the 40th floor of Corning Tower, where legislators and manufacturers mingled, discussed the issues and enjoyed the sunset on our beautiful state capital. The Manufacturers Alliance is already planning the next event to continue the momentum begun January 28th.

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