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## Senator John W. Mannion Secures Record \$1,750,000 for Workforce Training in High Demand and High-skill Manufacturing Jobs in CNY and Across the State

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LIVERPOOL, NY – Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) today visited 110 Metal Works in Liverpool to announce a record \$1,750,000 to fund apprenticeships in high-demand and high-skill manufacturing jobs in Central New York and across the state.

Senator Mannion successfully secured in the state budget a \$1M increase in year-over-year funding for the Manufacturers Association of Central New York's (MACNY) highly successful Manufacturers Intermediary Apprenticeship Program (MIAP.) The investment will help train the workforce in an array of industries that are critical to Central New York's economic future including semiconductors and advanced manufacturing.

Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) said, "Central New York's roots are in industry, manufacturing, and having the workers that companies need to grow and succeed - this historic \$1.75M workforce investment builds on that heritage. We're funding the best training in the highest-demand industries of the future so Central New York continues to prosper as a magnet for jobs and economic growth"

MACNY President & CEO Randy Wolken said, "I would like to thank Senator Mannion for his efforts and leadership in securing this critical funding for MACNY's apprenticeship program. We greatly appreciate the continued support we have received from the State Legislature, which has allowed MIAP to expand into new high-demand trades and industries and to serve new populations. We will continue to work to grow the program here in Central New York and throughout the state."

President of 110 Metal Works Ted Jeske said, "New York State Senator John Mannion's and MACNY's support and investment in workforce development does more than just help manufacturers like 110 Metalworks. It's an investment in the people of Central New York where we can grow and improve our community and quality of life together."

MIAP raises the skill levels of incumbent and entry-level manufacturing workers while filling a crucial staffing need within many industries. First piloted by MACNY in Central New York, the effort has expanded statewide. Today, the program in Central New York has more than 50 active apprentices and more than 60 participating companies with many more apprentices and signatories projected over the next few months in various fields to include advanced manufacturing, automotive, and IT.

With its use of trusted associations as intermediaries, along with its collaborations with industry, MIAP is a unique model of apprenticeship. Through MIAP, individuals obtain employment first and then receive necessary training supplied to them by an employer. Because of this model, industry participants see an increase in productivity, reduced turnover, and greater employee retention. As employers continue to struggle to fill open positions, apprenticeships have proven year after year to serve as an important tool in addressing workforce development needs.

MIAP is a critical tool for continuing to build a skilled workforce throughout New York. The program is an essential component of a workforce development strategy to build a stronger New York State economy through advanced manufacturing.

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