



LEGISLATIVE

OPPOSITION

MEMORANDUM

S.4044 (Marcellino)/A.4082 (DiNapoli): An Act to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the adoption of certain regulations regarding greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership, representing 3,500 employers and 200,000 employees, believes in supporting reasonable legislation that balances the need to protect our environment with the economic impact of such regulation. Unfortunately, this legislation fails in that regard.

This legislation aims to reduce “greenhouse gases” in New York by requiring our state to adopt whatever California regulators decide to enforce on greenhouse gas emissions for motor vehicles. The Partnership believes that legislation of this nature should come from the federal government so we have uniform standards across the country, thereby not putting manufacturers operating in New York at a competitive disadvantage.

Furthermore, the legislation fails to specify the cost associated with both enforcing and complying with these regulations. Certainly, a cost/benefit analysis should be undertaken before such a sweeping piece of legislation is adopted.

Most important, in these difficult economic times, we fear the impact of this measure will be the further erosion of our manufacturing base, which will cost the Buffalo Niagara region jobs. Therefore, we must oppose this measure.

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