

DRIVING RESULTS FOR BUFFALO NIAGARA

The BNP's advocacy efforts have translated into a number of wins for Buffalo Niagara employers.



2025 STATE ADVOCACY WINS

Redeveloping Renaissance Commerce Park

As Brownfield Cleanup Credits for the former Bethlehem Steel site near expiration, the BNP help secure an extension of these credits, enabling continued cleanup and redevelopment of the Renaissance Commerce Park.

Reducing Unemployment costs

After COVID saddled New York's Unemployment Insurance Fund with billions in debt, employers have faced higher premiums and surcharges to pay the debt off. The BNP helped convince lawmakers to pay off the entire remaining balance, alleviating this cost pressure from employers.

Protecting employers from costly lawsuits

Employers who pay manual workers less often than weekly were subject to wage theft lawsuits, and were liable for up to 50% of the wages they paid to an employee. The BNP successfully fought for a rightsized penalty for pay frequency violations, protecting employers from catastrophic lawsuits after unintentional clerical errors.

Keeping energy affordable and reliable

The BNP was a leading advocate in opposition to the NY HEAT Act, which would decommission natural gas infrastructure. If enacted, employers and residents would face incalculable infrastructure transition costs, and the electric grid would be less reliable.

Supporting our Regional Tech Hub

After earning federal investment, the BNP helped secure supplemental state support for our Regional Technology Hub Initiative. Through job creation incentives, workforce training support, research & development incentives, and site development assistance, the NY SMART I-Corridor is better equipped to attract semiconductor-sector businesses.

Increasing support for working parents

The budget heeded the BNP's calls for state support to improve childcare access by providing significant aid to childcare providers and expanding the Child Tax Credit. These moves will help working parents remain in the workforce.

Increasing Medicaid reimbursements to providers

Hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living programs, physicians, and other health centers rely on Medicaid reimbursements, which have inadequately covered the costs of providing service. NYS responded to this BNP priority by increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates to these providers, supporting our healthcare sector and ensuring a high quality of care.