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An Economic Development Update

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Economic Development and Job Creation

We need to make New York a more profitable and appealing place for businesses. Retaining businesses and creating jobs locally is important so we can keep our young and highly-skilled graduates here as well. As your Assemblyman, I am supporting efforts to:

- Lower tax rates for employers, including small businesses and others;
- Cut utility costs by eliminating utility surcharges;
- Provide financial incentives for businesses to expand in New York, such as the National Comedy Center in Jamestown and the Athenex project in Dunkirk that will add several hundred new jobs;
- Authorize small businesses to provide a basic health insurance plan for a lower cost to employees; and
- Support employment training programs through local colleges and expand employee support programs.

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As new and existing economic development projects take shape across our district, it has certainly been an exciting year for our community. These investments are a sign of the economic strength we possess and it will undoubtedly provide a much-needed boost to our local economy. As these businesses build and grow it is my hope that we can attract more private-sector investment and continue the growth we are witnessing today.

Here are just a few of the projects taking place right here in Chautauqua County:



A rendering of the National Comedy Center (Photo Credit: National Comedy Center Press Kit)

The National Comedy Center has secured all its capital funding, including Buffalo Billion Phase II funding, and it is scheduled to open in 2018. The \$20.4 million project is expected to draw 114,000 visitors annually.

Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant received \$2 million in Excelsior Tax Credits to install a new engine block machining line in its current facility. As a result of the \$95 million project, the Jamestown plant is the only Cummins facility to produce the X15 series. Cummins now employs over 1,700 people.



Cummins Plant Manager Mike Abbate and Assemblyman Goodell (Photo Credit: Buffalo News Review).

In Dunkirk, as part of a \$48.6 million capital improvement project to increase the **Nestle Purina Pet Care** facility's capacity to create innovative products, NYS invested \$2 million in Excelsior Tax Credits. The Purina plant now employs over 500 people.

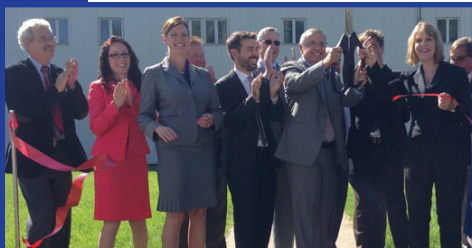
Castelli America, Inc., an Italian cheese processor, invested several million dollars to purchase Empire Specialty Cheese, a manufacturing plant in Chautauqua County, and acquire new machinery and equipment for the facility. New York provided a \$500,000 capital grant and a \$5.5 million loan. The company now employs over 70 people.



A rendering of the new Athenex pharmaceutical facility under construction in Dunkirk (Photo Credit: Office of the Governor of New York State)

Athenex, a global biopharmaceutical company, has begun construction on a new 320,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in the Town of Dunkirk as part of a \$200 million state grant. Athenex projects over 400 new jobs.

Fieldbrook Foods Corporation completed a \$4 million expansion to increase ice cream production at its headquarters in Dunkirk, allowing the company to add 100 new full-time jobs. Fieldbrook currently employs 615 people. The project was completed thanks to \$400,000 in Excelsior Tax Credits from Empire State Development.



Assemblyman Goodell (left) with Senator Young (right) and other officials at the ribbon cutting at the Castelli Cheese plant in Blockville, NY in 2016 (Photo Credit: WRFA Jamestown NY).

New Flyer, a leading manufacturer of transit buses, is projecting 40 new employees at its 40,000-square-foot factory located in a restored grocery store at 220 Fluvanna Avenue. New Flyer is the first START-UP NY company to be sponsored by Jamestown Community College and it has made a total investment of \$1,598,000.

For questions on this or any other state matter, contact Assemblyman Goodell in the district or in Albany.
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