Griffo and Picente hosting artificial intelligence roundtable discussion

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With the use of artificial intelligence (AI) becoming more prevalent, New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-C-Rome, and Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. announced today that they will be hosting a roundtable of experts to discuss this emerging technology.

The free event, which is open to the public, will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Mohawk Valley Community College Rome Campus at 1101 Floyd Ave. Space is limited.

The panel will discuss what is artificial intelligence is, its potential benefits and drawbacks and other related topics. Panelists will include:

- Anthony Martino, director of the Northeast Cybersecurity and Forensics Center at Utica University

- Charles Green, cofounder, president and CEO of AIS

- Dr. Andy Drozd, president, CEO and chief scientist of ANDRO Computational Solutions, LLC

- Stephen J. Acquario, executive director of the New York State Association of Counties and member of the National Association of Counties Artificial Intelligence Exploratory

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"The use of artificial intelligence is becoming more and more common," **Sen. Griffo said.** "Given its widespread emergence, many people have questions and/or concerns and want to learn more about this technology. I thank Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. and our panelists for taking part in this important and informative discussion."

"Artificial Intelligence has become a hot button topic as of late, and like with many other things, there are legitimate concerns and outright falsehoods surrounding it," **Oneida County Executive Picente Jr. said.** "AI has the potential to significantly improve many areas of our lives, but we must tread carefully as we explore its capabilities and the negative aspects that could arise. I look forward to educating the public through a robust discussion about the pros and cons of this emerging technology and I thank Sen. Griffo and our panelists for participating."

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