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Statement on Alcoa Job Announcement

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I was shocked and deeply disappointed by Alcoa's surprise announcement of job reductions at Massena's East plant.

Here in the North Country, we're working every day to try to preserve and create jobs for our communities. That's why, upon hearing this news, I immediately reached out to local and state officials, and the Governor, to try to find ways we can work together to preserve these jobs.

Alcoa has made commitments to this community and to New York State and its taxpayers in exchange for significant investment and support of its operations. We all want this company to succeed. We all want to see it grow and remain in the North Country far into the future.

Once again, we are being called upon as a community to stand up for our local jobs. Once again, I plan to continue to work closely with all interested parties to do what we can to convince Alcoa to maintain these jobs in this region.