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Made in America (but especially New York)

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Late last year I read a headline in the *New York Times* that asked, “Does America Need Manufacturing?” For anyone who grew up anywhere in the Southern Tier during the region’s manufacturing heyday – whose fathers and grandfathers made a decent living in those factories -- the answer to that question is heartfelt and immediate: you better believe it.

Which is why we’re seeing it from inside the White House. We’re hearing it from presidential candidates crisscrossing the nation. We’re reading it in best-selling books. It strikes me that there’s a common refrain slowly but surely taking hold across America: let’s manufacture it, again, in the USA. If it continues, and I hope (and believe) it will, it bodes well for New York State and, even more specifically,

for our region as a whole.

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