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Assemblyman Santabarbara joins special needs advocates to unveil job training legislation

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara (D-Rotterdam) will join local developmental disabilities advocates on Monday (04/27) to announce legislation designed to help people with developmental disabilities, including Autism, thrive in the workplace.

The legislation, which was drafted by Santabarbara with the help of two local students and could serve as a model across the country, is supported by the Schenectady ARC, the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership (GRASP). The proposal is a critical step in addressing the high unemployment rates for people with developmental disabilities.

At the press conference, activists will share firsthand experiences about the importance of this legislation, outline the potential benefits and explain why this model should be adopted across the country.

The legislation is being sponsored in the state Senate by David Carlucci, the chair of the Senate Social Services Committee and former chair of the Senate Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Committee.

***** Event Details *****

WHAT: Press conference unveiling legislation to help people with Autism find employment and thrive in the workplace. Developmental Disabilities advocates are hoping this legislation could serve as a model across the country.

WHO: Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara will be joined by local activists and community organizations, including representatives from the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region and Schenectady ARC.

WHEN: Monday, April 27

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: LOB 130, Albany (The press room on the first floor of the Legislative Office Building)