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Senator Lea Webb Delivers \$500,000 to Broome to Support Tourism and Economic Development in the Southern Tier

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(Endicott, NY) – Today, Senator Lea Webb (SD-52) announced the allocation of \$500,000 through the FY26 New York State Budget for the Broome County Community Charities, Inc. in support of the Broome County Professional Golf Tournament known as the DICK'S Open. This investment will support economic development, tourism, and community impact for the Southern Tier.

The DICK'S Open is operated by the Broome County Community Charities, Inc. (BCCC) and has donated over \$21 million to local charities. Each year, the event attracts more than 75,000 attendees from both near and far and generates over \$16.2 million in economic impact for the region. This funding will allow BCCC to continue the good work they are doing for generations to come.

"I'm proud to have secured \$500,000 in state funding for Broome County Community Charities, Inc. in support of the DICK'S Open," **said Senator Lea Webb**. "This tournament is a major driver of tourism, economic development, and community pride in our region. Investing in events like this strengthens our local economy and enhances quality of life for residents across Broome County. The DICK'S Open not only brings national attention to our community, but it also creates meaningful opportunities for local businesses, generates critical revenue for charitable organizations, and showcases everything that makes Broome County a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, and visit. I look forward to continuing to support organizations like BCCC that create lasting, positive impact for our region."

Said John Karedes, Executive Director of the DICK'S Open, "We are incredibly grateful to Senator Lea Webb for her support and for securing \$500,000 in funding for the DICK'S Open through Broome County Community Charities, Inc. This investment will help us enhance the tournament experience, attract more visitors to our region, and deepen our impact on local charities. Senator Webb's commitment to economic development and community enrichment is truly making a difference."

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