



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm A. Smith On The Appointment Of New ESDC Chair

MALCOLM A. SMITH June 5, 2008

"I commend Governor Paterson for his nomination of Robert Wilmers to head the Empire State Development Corporation. He has a long track record of successfully handling million dollar budgets during his tenure in the financial sector. He will bring a wealth of talent, knowledge and experience to this new position.

Economic development is beneficial to all communities and I am fully confident that he will be able to create jobs and expand resources necessary to enhance the state. I look forward to working with him in this capacity. Again, I applaud the Governor for understanding that we are ONE NEW YORK and by appointing a leader such as Bob, we will reap the benefits as one state."