



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

David J. Valesky

Statement From Senator David J. Valesky Regarding Dennis Mullen Confirmation

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“Dennis Mullen is a tireless advocate for economic development in New York State, and I am pleased to vote in favor of his confirmation today. Dennis understands the unique challenges we face Upstate, and has played an integral role in creating and retaining jobs in Central New York. I look forward to continuing our work together to foster economic development opportunities in the region and across the state.”

ABOUT DENNIS M. MULLEN

President & CEO, Empire State Development Corporation; Commissioner, New York State Department of Economic Development; Director, Urban Development Corporation. Mr. Mullen currently serves as the Upstate President of the Empire State Development Corporation. Before entering his current role, he was President and CEO of Greater Rochester Enterprise, an economic development organization dedicated to the revitalization of Rochester’s regional economy. For more than 15 years he acted in multiple senior positions with Birds Eye Foods, Inc., a \$1 billion packaged food company. Mr. Mullen has decades of experience in financial leadership, business development and operations management. He received his B.A. from St. Leo University in Florida.