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Senator Gallivan Applauds The Launch Of "New York Open For Business" Campaign

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"The "New York Open For Business" marketing initiative comes as welcome news and is a necessary component to any comprehensive and realistic economic development strategy for New York State.

This program will spread the word that not only is New York is open for business, but that businesses should want to invest here. Our higher education structure, skilled workforce, and diverse array of existing assets are second to none. Together, they make New York State, and particularly Western New York, an ideal place to grow a business and build a future – it's time we let the world know.

By naming Robert G. Wilmers to the "New York Open For Business" leadership committee, Governor Cuomo has again indicated his commitment to Western New York. Mr. Wilmers has served as Chairman and CEO of M&T Bank for over 25 years and has a lifetime of experience dealing with Western New York economic issues. I applaud his selection and look forward to working hand-in-hand with him, his fellow leadership committee members, and the Governor to bring business back to New York State."

