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O'Mara welcomes bipartisan Tax Relief Commission: 'It sets the stage for meaningful tax relief'

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Albany, N.Y., October 2— State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C-Big Flats) released the following statement on today's announcement by Governor Andrew Cuomo that he's establishing a bipartisan "Tax Relief Commission" to recommend billions of dollars in tax cuts, with an emphasis on property tax relief:

"It's a significant move in the right direction, finally. It sets the stage for meaningful tax relief for workers, families, businesses, manufacturers and every other taxpayer, but especially upstate property taxpayers. It gives us real hope to finally get serious about pulling New York's taxpayers out from under the burden we've carried for far too long as the tax capital of the nation and with the worst business climate in America. It's a bipartisan effort that I hope can move forward the bipartisan consensus that's been growing in the Legislature, especially in the Senate, to say enough is enough when it comes to

overregulation and overtaxing in New York State. It's time to act."

Cuomo **announced earlier today** that former New York Governor George Pataki, a Republican, and former Democratic state Comptroller H. Carl McCall will head the bipartisan commission charged with finding ways to cut between \$2 billion and \$3 billion in taxes beginning next year.

O'Mara has joined a number of his Senate colleagues over the past several years to continually highlight the state's tax burden as the No. 1 obstacle preventing sustained economic growth, private-sector job creation and a revitalization of the manufacturing sector across upstate New York.