



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Seward Receives Perfect Score From Unshackle Upstate

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ONEONTA, 08/19/14 - State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I-Oneonta) has received [top marks](#) from leading business advocacy group, Unshackle Upstate.

“Improving the economic development climate in New York means jobs, it means careers, and it means future success for our families and young people,” said Senator Seward. **“Cutting unnecessary government red tape, improving our infrastructure, reducing taxes, and leveling the playing field for small businesses are just a few of the recent victories that will pay real dividends.”**

Senator Seward’s perfect score of 100 was the top score issued by [Unshackle Upstate](#). Only one other senator, Senator Patrick Gallivan, received a 100 on the group’s legislative scorecard. The scores are based on each legislator’s voting

record on [key business issues](#).

Brian Sampson, executive director of Unshackle Upstate said, "Recent polling has shown that taxes and job creation are key issues for people across the state. Our 2013-2014 legislative scorecards accurately reflect which legislators have advanced measures that help taxpayers and job creators."

"Along with championing legislation to reinforce New York's financial foundation, I have also helped develop key portions of the last four state budgets. The spending plans have held the line on state spending, cut taxes, and directed resources to programs that generate job growth," said Senator Seward

Unshackle Upstate also gave Senator Seward high marks for supporting START-UP NY which provides tax incentives to help draw new businesses to upstate New York.

"While New York is making real strides in attracting new businesses to our borders, we cannot ignore existing companies that have been with us through thick and thin. One example in my own senate district is Remington Arms. Just this week the long-standing Mohawk Valley manufacturer announced 105 layoffs. While multiple factors are responsible, including the overreaching SAFE-Act, it is clear we need to do more to support and assist our existing, long-time business partners.

"Additional measures that would take us to the next level - expanding broadband to more rural areas, ending costly state mandates, and lowering energy costs - have received senate approval. The state assembly needs to answer the bell as well," Senator Seward concluded.