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## O'Mara and Palmesano: One week to go! Keep voting for Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel!

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**Watkins Glen, N.Y., July 25**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C,I-Corning) today continued urging residents throughout the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions to keep voting every day throughout the final week of voting to name the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel “America’s Best Waterfront Hotel” in *USA Today’s* online competition.

The Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel in Schuyler County remains in 1st Place out of 20 nationwide finalists for the 2016 designation. The competition runs until Monday, August 1st at noon.

In a joint statement, O'Mara and Palmesano said, "Let's all keep voting and finish strong in this final week! Finger Lakes and Southern Tier voters have kept the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel in the lead among this truly impressive collection of America's best waterfront hotels. It's been an outstanding effort so far and we can't stop now. Schuyler County's been on a roll in these *USA Today* competitions and now we have another opportunity to keep the Finger Lakes region on the national map! We're proud that we can help rally support for one of our own. We hope everyone will keep voting once a day, every day, from now until August 1st!"

According to *USA Today*, voters are allowed to vote once every 24 hours from every Internet-capable device they have. To vote in the "America's Best Waterfront Hotel" contest, visit the *USA Today* contest page [HERE](#).

O'Mara and Palmesano said that the "America's Best Waterfront Hotel" designation would be an effective marketing tool for local leaders and help boost tourism throughout the entire Finger Lakes region.

According to *USA Today*, the nation's 20 finalists were selected by a panel of luxury travel experts together with USA Today's 10Best editors who, in addition to their own analyses, reviewed industry awards and guest reviews.

Schuyler County attractions have fared well over the past year in *USA Today's* Readers' Choice competitions. Last March, Watkins Glen State Park was selected as the 3rd Best State Park in America. And last June, Watkins Glen International (WGI) was chosen as "America's Best NASCAR Track."