



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

Unshackle Upstate gives O'Mara highest grade among State Senate GOPers on latest legislative scorecard ~ 2015-16 scorecard rates legislative commitment to Upstate manufacturing, agriculture, tax relief, overall economy

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**Elmira, N.Y., September 8**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) is among the 10 state Senate Republicans receiving the highest ranking, 88%, from Unshackle Upstate on the group's 2015-16 Legislative Scorecard.

Unshackle Upstate is a pro-jobs, pro-taxpayer advocacy organization comprised of business and trade organizations representing every Upstate region.

The guide, released earlier this week, ranks the voting record of every state legislator on pieces of legislation the Legislature considered over the past two legislative sessions, 2015 and 2016, that reflect the organization's commitment to fiscal responsibility, pro-taxpayer initiatives and private-sector economic growth. The full report card can be viewed on the Unshackle Upstate website ([www.unshackleupstate.com](http://www.unshackleupstate.com)).

"Voters across the state deserve to know which legislators stepped up and which ones fell short," said Greg Biryla, executive director of Unshackle Upstate. "Our new legislative scorecards, which look back over the past two years, provide a comprehensive assessment of legislators' actions in Albany."

O'Mara said, "I appreciate Unshackle Upstate's strong advocacy on behalf of so many of the goals we share for the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and all of upstate New York. Most importantly, we look forward to continue working together to keep state government's attention focused on efforts to turn around the Upstate economy, create jobs, cut taxes, enact meaningful mandate relief and regulatory reform, revitalize manufacturing, strengthen agriculture and enhance our communities."

O'Mara has sponsored and strongly supported Senate legislation and other initiatives over the past several years aimed at turning around Upstate private-sector job growth through lower taxes, controlling state spending growth, regulatory and other fiscal reforms, mandate relief and a renewed commitment to agriculture and the manufacturing sector.