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SENATOR AMEDORE TO CHAIR NEW SELECT COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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| COMMITTEE: **TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

Senate Majority Leader John J. Flanagan today announced the creation of a new committee to support the growth and development of technology businesses statewide and broadening career opportunities for all. The Senate's Select Committee on Technology and Innovation, chaired by Senator George A. Amedore, Jr. (R-C-I, Rotterdam), will work to strengthen economic development by determining the current and future needs of New York's technology sector and create jobs by increasing access to technology programs.

Senator Flanagan said, "New York has always been an innovation leader, and we must continue to explore ways for us to continue attracting emerging businesses to our state so they can create jobs and build their futures here. With Senator Amedore as Chairman, I am confident this new committee will take an in-depth approach to foster an improved business climate that will attract in-demand jobs and ensure more residents have the support they need for successful careers."

Senator Amedore said, "The technology and innovation industries are the main drivers of the world economy, and I am excited to lead this new select committee that will explore ways to remove barriers and develop new policies and programs to establish New York State as a

leader in these fields.”

Senators serving on the committee will include: Elaine Phillips (R-C, Manhasset); Chris Jacobs (R-C-I, Buffalo); Thomas Croci (R, Sayville); James L. Seward (R-C-I-Ref., Oneonta); Patty Ritchie (R-C, Heuvelton); Jesse Hamilton (D, Brooklyn); Martin Malavé Dilan (D, Brooklyn); Brad Hoylman (D-WF, Manhattan); Kevin S. Parker (D-WF, Brooklyn); and Toby Ann Stavisky (D, Flushing).

Research has shown that successful technology businesses can often rise above current conditions of a regional economy, but barriers that stifle the ability of technology businesses to create jobs and achieve a positive economic impact can stymie such success. This committee will provide a new forum to ascertain the current and future needs of the state’s technology business climate to advance and improve the technology sector and its programs so they reach their maximum potential.

In addition, by collaborating with state agencies and non-state sponsors, the committee will work to enhance opportunities to access technology businesses and programs for all New Yorkers, including by many who are marginalized by current programs, such as veterans, disabled individuals, individuals who are minorities, and women.

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