



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Peter Oberacker

## Statement from Senator Oberacker

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**ONEONTA, 04/12/22** -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenevus) today commented on the arrest of Lt. Governor Brian Benjamin.

**“The charges filed against the lieutenant governor, if true, represent a severe violation of the public’s trust. Anyone who uses their elected office for personal gain, rather than working for the people, must be held fully accountable. I have already expressed frustration with the lack of transparency exhibited by Governor Hochul and her administration and this arrest leads to even greater concerns.**

**“It is now up to the courts to examine the evidence and decide guilt or innocence. In the interim, and in light of the seriousness of these charges, I believe Brian Benjamin needs to step down and certainly should not preside over senate proceedings.”**

