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## O'Mara reappointed top Republican member on the Senate Finance Committee

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**Albany, N.Y., January 4**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C-Big Flats) has been reappointed as the Ranking Member on the Senate Finance Committee by Senate Minority Leader Rob Ort.

On the first day of the 2023 legislative session at the Capitol, Ortt announced a series of key leadership posts within the Republican Conference, including O'Mara's.

"The Senate Republican Conference is heading into the new legislative session with an impressive class of freshman senators, as well as veteran members who are ready to continue the great work they have done on behalf of all New Yorkers. Our agenda will continue to prioritize the issues that matter most to hardworking New Yorkers – we are focused and energized to get to work and help make New York safer, stronger, and more affordable for all," Ortt said.

O'Mara has served as the top Republican on the powerful Finance Committee since 2021. He welcomed the ongoing assignment and said he looks forward to having a direct voice on the legislative committee most responsible for overseeing the adoption of the state's annual budget and setting the course for New York's short- and long-term fiscal practices and responsibilities.

"I appreciate Leader Ortt's continued confidence in my commitment to representing our Republican Conference on the Finance Committee. Senate Republicans will continue to be a voice for lower taxes, less regulation, greater accountability, economic growth, job creation, and more common sense on state fiscal practices. The Finance Committee directly impacts so many of the key issues facing our localities, from the future of farming and manufacturing to tax relief, regulatory reform, and overall Upstate job creation. I welcome the opportunity, at this critical time, for direct input on a range of policy areas that will decide the short- and long-term future and strength of our local communities and economies," said O'Mara, who represents the 58th Senate District comprised of Chemung, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, and Yates counties, and a part of Allegany County.

Throughout his Senate service, O'Mara has been a strong voice in the State Legislature for more responsible and effective state fiscal practices. He has consistently pointed to high taxes, unrestrained spending, unfunded mandates, and overregulation as key obstacles to sustained economic growth and job creation throughout the Upstate region.

O'Mara said, "We need to keep working against a New York State tax and regulatory mindset that puts our businesses and manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage, imposes red tape that strangles local economies, or prioritizes higher and higher spending, overtaxing, outrageous mandates, and burdensome overregulation."

He added, "I look forward to continuing to utilize this post on the Senate Finance Committee to give voice to more responsible and sustainable state fiscal practices. It's an opportunity to keep fighting against the out-of-control state spending that has defined this era of Albany Democrat leadership, as well as to keep fighting for lower taxes, economic growth, job creation, regulatory reform, debt reduction, and other actions that prioritize a stronger and more affordable future for all New Yorkers."