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Statement From State Senator Rob Ortt On the Passing of Local Second Amendment Rights Leader Ed Pettitt

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Lockport, NY – Today, we learned of the sudden passing of **Ed Pettitt**, a friend, a family man, a patriot, and a passionate defender of our Second Amendment rights. Ed will be remembered for his many efforts in defending New Yorker's gun rights through his Second Amendment For Ever organization and helping Niagara County form a Gun Owners' Rights Advisory Panel.

In addition to fiercely fighting for Second Amendment rights, Ed was known for standing up to protect farmers and our agricultural industry as well. Ed also believed that a Government closer to its people could be held to account, and worked to restore a balance of state and local governments.

“I join the community and many of my colleagues in mourning the loss of Ed Pettitt. For many years, Ed was a staunch supporter of our constitution and freedoms, especially when it came to our Second Amendment rights,” **Senator Rob Ortt** said. “He was not afraid to speak his mind and advocate for the rights of all Americans. Ed stood proud for many other great causes and organizations including the backbone of our economy – farmers and agricultural businesses. Ed will be greatly missed, our thoughts and prayers go out to his loved ones in their time of need and we wish that he rests in peace”

“Ed was a fierce defender of the constitution, an outstanding advocate for personal freedoms, and a strong organizer who encouraged people to be involved in the political and governmental process. His passion and commitment will be sorely missed by so many. I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Lisa and his entire family and ask everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time,” said **Assemblyman Mike Norris**.

“We are sorry to learn of the passing of a dear friend and committed advocate and supporter of the second amendment. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.” said **Assemblyman Angello Morinello**.