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## Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt Welcomes Western New York Energy to New York State Capitol

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Senator Rob Ortt pictured with Assemblyman Michael Norris and WNY Energy CEO Tim Winters

Medina business displays 2023 Ford Escape Vehicle which runs on renewable ethanol 85  
**Albany, NY** – Today, Senator Rob Ortt welcomed Western New York Energy, a Medina based small business, to the New York State Capitol. CEO Tim Winters presented their new 2023 Ford Escape flex-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicle and educated members of the State Legislature about their technology aimed at reducing transportation emissions by using higher blends of

low-carbon, renewable bioethanol (such as E85).

“Finding cost-effective, sustainable solutions that help the environment and consumers are key priorities for the Senate Republican Conference. I was proud to welcome Tim Winters and Western New York Energy, a small business in Medina, to Albany to highlight how they are finding innovative ways to reduce transportation emissions. Western New York Energy is a great example of how the private sector is working to provide affordable pathways to a cleaner environment.” **stated Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt.**

“Western New York Energy has been reducing harmful tailpipe emissions for almost 17 years. We work with local, New York farmers to produce a clean, renewable bioethanol product that reduces emissions from gasoline alone by almost 50% today. We support the goals of the CLCPA, but an all of the above approach is needed to achieve New York’s lofty climate goals. While other cost-prohibitive technologies need time to mature, we need a technology agnostic approach to reduce emissions today. We feel that New York legislators and regulators need to be focused on reliable, affordable, and achievable solutions to climate change rather than picking technology winners and losers. A prime example is budget-conscious low carbon regulations, similar to what has been implemented in California, Oregon, and Washington which have proven successful in lowering emissions while remaining financially responsible. Western New York Energy spearheaded this E85 PHEV car project to prove that there are options today that can show achievable emissions reductions for New York and leave a better future for our children,” **stated Western New York Energy President & CEO Timothy Winters.**

Western New York Energy, LLC is a locally owned company founded in 2004 to develop the full potential of Western New York’s renewable energy resources. Production at their facility began immediately after the completion of construction in November 2007. WNYE was the first biofuel plant in the Northeast United States and is currently the only large-scale facility in New York, producing over 63 million gallons of ethanol annually.