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## Statement from Senator Gallivan regarding the creation of the Western New York and Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Councils

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“For too long New York has lacked a comprehensive economic development strategy that reflects our state’s true economic and regional diversity. The newly created “regional economic development councils” will bring stakeholders from across the Western New York and Finger Lakes regions together to provide local expertise, insight, and know-how to the

process -- ensuring that the residents of Erie, Wyoming, Livingston and Ontario Counties will have a strong voice in the discussion about the future of our community.

I applaud each of the Council's appointees, and look forward to working hand-in-hand with them to attract jobs, grow our economy, and improve the region's quality of life."