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Ritchie to Host Ag Industry Leaders at Public Forum Thursday

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Agriculture leaders from throughout New York State will share insights on regulations and mandates affecting their industry at a public forum being held Thursday in Watertown.

The event is one of a series of industry-specific public forums on regulatory reform, being held in a bipartisan effort to identify and eliminate costly government regulations.

Those in attendance will share their opinions with Senator Ritchie, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, as well as Senator Patrick Gallivan, Senator David Valesky and Senator Kathleen Marchione.

“There are so many businesses—including many in the agriculture industry—who are finding it difficult to succeed due to costly regulations and bureaucratic red tape,” said Senator Ritchie.

“This forum will provide excellent opportunity for agriculture leaders to offer their opinions on what changes can be made that will enable this industry to grow, create jobs and boost our state’s economy as a whole.”

The forum will be place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the 11th floor conference room of the Dulles State Office Building, located at 317 Washington St. in Watertown.

In total, 10 regulatory reform hearings will be held across the state, with a goal of helping identify 1,000 specific, job-killing regulations that can be eliminated. Video of the first hearing, which focused on medical technology and health can be found [here](#).