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Watch a replay of Senator O'Mara's October 28th public hearing on the future of the Elmira Psychiatric Center

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**Elmira, N.Y.**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) hosted a public hearing in Elmira on October 28th on the future of the Elmira Psychiatric Center (Elmira PC) and the Greater Binghamton Health Center, and the need for an ongoing “Southern Tier-based Center of Excellence” within New York State’s system of mental health.

"I'm hopeful that the hearing continues to make it clear to Governor Cuomo and his administration that the Southern Tier is being ignored in this plan at great risk to regional mental health patients and their families. The Southern Tier needs and deserves a stronger presence than what's being proposed by the current Office of Mental Health reorganization

plan," said O'Mara. "We're going to keep making the undeniable case, fiscally and from a public service standpoint, that the Elmira Psychiatric Center has long been and should remain a cornerstone of this state's mental health system."

Watch a replay of the hearing [HERE](#).