



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

O'Mara earns high grade from Upstate NY advocacy organization, Unshackle Upstate singles out commitment to tax cuts, job creation (UPDATED)

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**Elmira, N.Y., August 19**—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) has received the Senate's second-highest ranking, 93%, from Unshackle Upstate on the group's 2014 Legislative Scorecard.

[see the attached articles below from the August 20th *Elmira Star-Gazette and Hornell Evening Tribune*]

Unshackle Upstate is a pro-jobs, pro-taxpayer advocacy organization comprised of business and trade organizations representing every Upstate region.

The guide, release earlier today, ranks the voting record of every state legislator on pieces of legislation the Legislature considered in 2014 that reflect the organization's commitment to fiscal responsibility, pro-taxpayer initiatives and private-sector economic growth. The full report card can be viewed on the Unshackle Upstate website ([www.unshackleupstate.com](http://www.unshackleupstate.com)).

"Recent polling has shown that taxes and job creation are key issues for people across the state. Our 2013-2014 legislative scorecards accurately reflect which legislators have advanced measures that help taxpayers and job creators," said Brian Sampson, executive director of Unshackle Upstate. "There's no doubt that this year's elections will have a significant impact on the state's ability to continue its economic progress. In order to keep our economy moving in the right direction, it's critical to gauge a candidate's commitment to reducing taxes and improving the business climate. Any candidate that receives our endorsement will be held to a very high standard. Taxpayers and employers deserve nothing less."

O'Mara said, "I appreciate Unshackle Upstate's strong advocacy on behalf of so many of the goals we share for the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions, and all of upstate New York. Most importantly, we look forward to continue working together to keep state government's attention focused on efforts to turn around the Upstate economy, create jobs, cut taxes, revitalize manufacturing and strengthen our communities."

O'Mara has sponsored and strongly supported Senate legislation and other initiatives over the past several years aimed at turning around Upstate private-sector job growth through lower taxes, controlling state spending growth, regulatory and other fiscal reforms, and a renewed commitment to the manufacturing sector.