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O'Mara, Palmesano and colleagues hosting NYWIA 'Sip and Sample' event in Albany on Wednesday, May 27th ~ Event will help showcase products made in the Finger Lakes, Central and Western New York ~ Special Guest: Finger Lakes pianist Barbara Anderson

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Albany, N.Y.—To complement ongoing efforts to promote, showcase and support products grown and made in New York State, Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C,I-Corning) will host a second New York Wine Industry Association (NYWIA) "Sip and Sample" event in Albany on Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

A first "Sip and Sample" was held on **Monday, May 4th**.

The Wednesday, May 27th event is being held in The Well of the Legislative Office Building from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will feature wines, cheeses and other foods from the Finger Lakes, along with Central and Western New York. Finger Lakes pianist Barbara Anderson will be a special guest and perform at tomorrow's event.

The NYWIA (www.nywineindustryassociation.com) was established in 2009 by a group of grape growers, winery owners and other industry professionals as an advocacy, and public awareness and education organization.

Together with O'Mara and Palmesano, the events are jointly sponsored by the respective chairs of the Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees, Senator Patty Ritchie (R,C,IP-Watertown) and Assemblyman Bill Magee (D-Nelson), Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb (R,C-Canandaigua), Senator Michael Nozzolio (R-Fayette), Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I-Olean) and Assemblyman Chris Friend (R,C,I-Big Flats).