



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

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Listen to Senator O'Mara's recent interview with Brian O'Neil on the "Newsmaker Show" on AM 1480 WLEA in Hornell.

On the show, Senator O'Mara discusses several topics in depth, including:

- > the recent "Drought Forum" he sponsored for Southern Tier and Finger Lakes farmers;
- > the joint Senate and Assembly hearings on "Water Quality and Contamination" and a new law he sponsored this year to establish the "Safe School Water Act," a first-in-the-nation law to require schools to test their drinking water systems for lead contamination;
- > a new set of laws he sponsored this year to cut red tape and continue to strengthen and encourage the growth of Finger Lakes and Southern Tier wineries, craft brewers, cideries and distilleries;
- > Unshackle Upstate's 2015-2016 legislative rankings, in which he received the highest ranking among members of the Senate Republican Conference;
- > the significant middle-income tax cuts approved as part of this year's state budget; and
- > the ongoing need to focus more actions on local property tax relief, particularly through relief from unfunded state mandates including legislation he co-sponsors to phase out the local share of the cost of Medicaid.

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