



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Thomas F. O'Mara

## Leading small business group gives O'Mara high rating on Legislative Scorecard

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**Elmira, N.Y., September 26**—New York's leading small business association, the National Federation of Independent Business of New York (NFIB/NY), has given State Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) an 88% rating, the second-highest rating among all state senators, on its 2018 legislative review of how state legislators addressed priority issues for small business owners across New York.

O'Mara received the grade as part of the organization's review of state legislative actions during the 2018 legislative session that were identified as priority issues by small business owners across New York.

The NFIB/NY 2018 "Voting Record" can be viewed online at <http://www.nfib.com/new-york/>

O'Mara, a previous recipient of NFIB/NY's "Guardian of Small Business Award," represents New York's 58th Senate District (Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Yates counties, and a portion of Tompkins County).

"I take great pride in being a strong and steady voice in the state Legislature for our small, independent businessmen and businesswomen. Small business is the economic lifeline for thousands of local workers. The surest way to revitalize upstate communities is through private-sector, manufacturing, small business job creation," said O'Mara. "I'm grateful for this recognition of my commitment to a future of economic development and job creation.

Priority number one in the next legislative session will be to stay focused on the upstate economy, upstate jobs, and the long-term economic security of upstate workers and their families. That means supporting policies and programs that strengthen our small businesses."

Yesterday it was announced that O'Mara was **one of only nine state senators receiving a 100% ranking from Unshackle Upstate** on the group's 2017-18 Legislative Scorecard. Unshackle Upstate is a pro-jobs, pro-taxpayer advocacy organization comprised of business and trade organizations representing every Upstate region.