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## Statement by Senator O'Mara on Governor Cuomo's latest State of Emergency declaration

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**Elmira, N.Y., July 6**—State Senator Tom O’Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats) released the following statement following today’s action by Governor Andrew Cuomo declaring a State of Emergency on gun violence:

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