

Statement from NYSDC Chair June O'Neill on David Renzi's Improper Receipt of Retirement Credits

The *Watertown Daily Times* today reported that David Renzi, the G.O.P.'s state senate candidate in the 48th district, "was incorrectly designated as a town employee, which made him eligible for the state benefit."

The paper noted that Renzi "does not meet the state criteria for being an employee for several reasons, including that he does not submit time sheets to the town, work fixed hours there, have a permanent work space at the town or report to anyone at the town during each work day."

June O'Neill, NYSDC Chair, issued the following statement in response to today's news:

"As an attorney who has worked for various levels of government, it's hard to imagine that Mr. Renzi was unaware that only town employees - not independent contractors - are eligible for retirement benefits.

It was only after he learned that two members of his law firm were under investigation for the same abuses that he took any action - supposedly sending a letter to the town asking for his status to be reclassified and his benefits to be halted. It appears the town failed to comply and Mr. Renzi failed to follow up or make any additional effort to comply with the law.

David Renzi blatantly ignored the law in the name of self interest. How can he expect the voters to trust his motives for running?"