

Over 55+ New York State Legislators Call for Governor Cuomo's Resignation Amid Sexual Harassment Allegations

Albany, NY – In response to the allegations against New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Assemblymembers Thomas Abinanti (D-Westchester), Khaleel Anderson (D-Queens), Brian Barnwell (D-Queens), Harry Bronson (D-Rochester), Kenny Burgos (D-Bronx), Patrick Burke (D-Buffalo), Marianne Buttenschon (D-Utica), Robert Carroll (D-Brooklyn), Sarah Clark (D-Rochester), Catalina Cruz (D-Queens), Carmen De La Rosa (D-Manhattan), Simcha Eichenstein (D-Brooklyn), Harvey Epstein (D-Manhattan), Nathalia Fernandez (D-Bronx), Mathylde Frontus (D-Brooklyn), Emily Gallagher (D-Brooklyn), Jessica González-Rojas (D-Queens), Richard Gottfried (D-Manhattan), Judy Griffin (D-Nassau), Aileen Gunther (D-Forestburgh), Andrew Hevesi (D-Queens), Jonathan Jacobson (D-Newburgh), Anna Kelles (D-Ithaca), Ron Kim (D-Queens), Jennifer Lunsford (D-Rochester), Zohran Mamdani (D-Queens), Marcela Mitaynes (D-Brooklyn), Yuh-Line Niou (D-Manhattan), Amy Paulin (D-Westchester), Victor Pichardo (D-Bronx), Dan Quart (D-Manhattan), Karines Reyes (D-Bronx), Linda Rosenthal (D-Manhattan), Daniel Rosenthal (D-Queens), Nily Rozic (D-Queens), Angelo Santabarbara (D-Schenectady), Amanda Septimo (D-Bronx), Jo Anne Simon (D-Brooklyn), Phara Souffrant Forest (D-Brooklyn), and Carrie Woerner (D-Saratoga), and State Senators Alessandra Biaggi (D-Bronx/Westchester), Jabari Brisport (D-Brooklyn), Samra Brouk (D-Rochester), Michael Gianaris (D-Queens), Andrew Gounardes (D-Brooklyn), Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan), Robert Jackson (D-Manhattan), Brian Kavanaugh (D-Brooklyn/Manhattan), John Liu (D-Queens), John Mannion (D-Syracuse), Rachel May (D-Syracuse), Shelley Mayer (D-Westchester), Jessica Ramos (D-Queens), Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (D-Rockland/Westchester), Gustavo Rivera (D-Bronx), Julia Salazar (D-Brooklyn), James Sanders, Jr. (D-Queens), James Skoufis (D-Hudson Valley), and Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Queens) have issued the following statement:

“As legislators and as New Yorkers we all must decide what is best for the future of New York State. The budget, the fight against COVID-19, and restarting the economy all demand clear and trustworthy leadership. In light of the Governor’s admission of inappropriate behavior and the findings of altered data on nursing home COVID-19 deaths he has lost the confidence of the public and the state legislature, rendering him ineffective in this time of most urgent need.

“Attorney General James has made clear that her independent investigation will continue and has already made an excellent choice in those picked to lead the investigation. We are fully confident in the Attorney General’s ability to investigate this matter thoroughly, and know that no change in state executive leadership will impede or affect her office’s important work. We are deeply grateful for her clear-eyed and unwavering leadership.

“In the meantime, the Governor needs to put the people of New York first. We have a Lieutenant Governor who can step in and lead for the remainder of the term, and this is what is best for New Yorkers in this critical time. It is time for Governor Cuomo to resign.”