



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Gustavo Rivera

## Statement from State Senator Gustavo Rivera on Bill That Would Prohibit the Practice of Lobbying for Those Convicted of Class D Felonies:

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"At a time when ethic scandals continuously plague Albany, it is truly disappointing that the Senate Investigation and Government Operations Committee would fail to advance a bill which would ban lobbyists who have been convicted or plead guilty to a class D felony from acting as a lobbyist. If we are to be effective at combating corruption and ethics violations throughout our State government, we must pass measures that set clear consequences for those who play a role in government and show blatant disrespect for the law. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Senate Democratic Conference to advance common sense ethics reform measures."

\*S.1359 is sponsored in the Senate by State Senator Gustavo Rivera.