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## Tedisco Calls for New State Legislative Investigation of Spy-Racy on the 2nd Floor

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Senator Tedisco urges Senate Investigations Committee to Hold Public Hearing following indictment of former Hochul/Cuomo aide who served as an illegal agent of China

Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Ballston Lake) today is calling for a state legislative investigation into the fallout of having a top aide to Governor Hochul and former Governor Cuomo serving as an illegal agent for the People's Republic of China (PRC) and influencing state policy toward the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

The former aide, Linda Sun, who was indicted yesterday by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Hochul, and previously served in several high-level administration positions under former Governor Cuomo.

According to the **federal indictment**, "Sun engaged in numerous political activities in the interests of the PRC and the CCP, including blocking representatives of the Taiwanese government from having access to high-level New York State officers; changing high-level New York State officers' messaging regarding issues of importance to the PRC and the CCP; obtaining official New York State **proclamations for PRC government representatives without proper authorization; attempting to facilitate a trip to the PRC by a high-level New**

York State politician; and arranging meetings for visiting delegations from the PRC government with New York State government officials.”

“Given the seriousness of this alleged spy’s betrayal, it’s critical that the New York State legislature and our Investigations Committee hold a public hearing and investigate this national security breach for potential economic piracy. We need to examine the impact this agent for the PRC, who for a decade was embedded at the highest levels of our state government, had both in terms of influencing New York State policy, and in potentially exposing trade secrets of U.S. and New York-based companies that interact with the state to intellectual piracy by the Chinese government, as well as impacting relations with Taiwan and other countries,” said Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Ballston Lake).

*Attached is Senator Tedisco’s letter to the Chair of the NYS Senate Investigations Committee.*