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Stec Calls for Resignation of DOCCS Commissioner

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Call comes in the aftermath of ongoing chaos inside and outside correctional facilities. Senator Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury) today called for the resignation of DOCCS Commissioner Daniel Martuscello III. This comes as correction officers across New York State go on strike in an effort to improve the dire safety conditions inside correctional facilities.

Stec sponsors legislation that addresses many of the concerns presented by correction officers, from a repeal of HALT to mandatory use of body scanners and an improved secure vendor process. These bills have become more important than ever, as a series of events inside correctional facilities have imperiled the safety of officers and civilian staff.

“A few weeks ago, two dozen officers and civilian staffers at Upstate Correctional Facility received medical care after a synthetic drug exposure. Last week, inmates took over dorms and forced a lockdown at Collins. These events are occurring because of HALT, loopholes in the secure vendor process and use of body scanners and reduced staffing levels. It’s clear that Commissioner Martuscello is incapable of responding to these very real safety concerns and has lost the trust of our correction officers.

“For the safety of these dedicated men and women and to help restore order and faith in the leadership structure of DOCCS, Commissioner Martuscello must resign or be removed from his post,” Stec said.