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## State Senator Gustavo Rivera On RFK Jr's Confirmation as Secretary of Health and Human Services

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In response to the 52-48 confirmation of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services, State Senator Gustavo Rivera released the following statement:

“Instead of investing in common sense solutions to America’s healthcare crisis, Congressional Republicans handed the reins to a science denialist and vaccine conspiracist. As his confirmation hearing made vastly clear, RFK Jr. is dangerously unqualified to lead the largest public health institution in our country. Yet, this doesn’t seem to matter to the 52 Republicans who picked loyalty to Trump over the health of millions.

We cannot trust the federal government to protect our health. Now, more than ever, New York needs to lead by example. We must fight anti science misinformation every step of the way and continue to push for evidence based public health solutions. This in conjunction with guaranteeing access to healthcare for all New Yorkers through my NY Health Act, will truly make New York and its people healthy.”