



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## **Statement From State Senate Democratic Leader Malcolm A. Smith**

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We have already made known our objections to the Senate Investigations Committee's current proceedings. As I have said before, enough is enough. It is time to get back to the people's business, including such important measures as property tax relief, paid family leave and efforts to promote job growth.

Nonetheless, there are some disturbing questions that need to be answered.

If the Senate Majority are planning to continue their inquiry into the matter regarding the Governor's office, while two other independent investigations continue simultaneously, they must include the matter of Mr. Stone's threatening phone call in their review.

I am personally endorsing Senator Stachowski's call issued earlier today for an investigation into these allegations regarding Mr. Stone. The Committee must:

- Ascertain how much Roger Stone was involved in the Senate

Majority's government business;

- Ascertain whether or not Mr. Stone conspired to use the government entity of the Senate Investigations Committee to harm a political opponent;
- Inquire into the extent to which Mr. Stone directed or advised the investigation by the Senate Investigations Committee;
- Inquire into whether or not Mr. Stone discussed with any government officials his intent to threaten the Governor's father;
- Ask for the Senate Majority to preserve all documents pertaining to communications between Mr. Stone and the Senate Majority.

Now is the time to get back to the people's business of passing important legislation on behalf of hardworking New Yorkers.

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