



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From State Senator Malcolm A. Smith

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"Today, as an Elector for the people of New York, I will have the honor of casting a vote for Barack Obama to become the next President of the United States. 145 years since Abraham Lincoln declared all people, regardless of race, to be free citizens and just 50 years since our country recognized that separate is never equal and segregation can never be tolerated, I am deeply humbled to have the privilege of being part of the process to formally elect the first African American President.

The voters of New York have spoken, asking for change and a new approach to governing and government. With our new president in Washington and a new day in Albany, I look forward to bringing the voters the change we need."