



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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To My Colleagues

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For all those Senators and legislators who are calling to condemn Senator Hiram Monserrate and demand that he is ousted from the Senate, where were you all when Senator John Sabini was convicted of drunk driving? Senator Monserrate did not hide behind a plea. Senator Sabini did. Senator Monserrate was found guilty of trying to do good by forcing his girlfriend to go to the hospital for treatment.

No one called for Senator Sabini to be removed from the Senate. How many of my colleagues have posed in photos with Mothers Against Drunk Driving after embracing with our former Senator John Sabini? Is this because my colleagues practice drunk driving, too, or are my colleagues just more comfortable with drunk drivers?

It is a hypocrisy for my fellow Senators to demand for a more severe punishment of one colleague who has been tried in a court of law and found not guilty, while these same colleagues have ignored the actions of another colleague who took a plea crime that could have resulted in the death of children and families on the road!