



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Craig M. Johnson

Statement RE:Gov. Paterson's Decision to Not Seek a Full Term

[CRAIG M. JOHNSON](#) February 26, 2010

"In deciding not to seek a full term, Governor Paterson made a responsible decision in the wake of the disturbing scandal that has consumed his office. Prior to these most recent allegations of domestic violence and abuse of power, I was the first member of the Long Island delegation to call for Governor Paterson to not run this November. I was concerned that politics were distracting him from the business of running the state. The Governor must now consider whether he can be an effective leader for New York during these difficult times."