



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Addabbo's Statement on Governor Cuomo's Signing the Ethics Reform Bill

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Queens, NY, August 16, 2011 – NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., ranking member of the Senate's Committee on Elections, today released the following statement:

I commend Governor Cuomo for approving the ethics reform bill that I supported in the Senate. Now let us go further in reforming Albany. While the new ethics reform law will address the need for greater financial disclosure, more information on lobbyists and penalties for certain criminal activity by elected officials, I believe more needs to be done to give people a more transparent and accountable state government.

I intend to continue my efforts to promote the need for campaign finance reform to ensure that future state elections are free from big-donor influences. Large corporate contributions should be limited. Candidates should spend less time fund raising and more campaign time talking to the people about the issues that truly affect them.

When we start our legislative session in January, I will once again support legislation that seeks to change the way we currently conduct our state elections and explore the means necessary to improve the campaign process.

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