



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Gianaris Rolls Out Ethics Reform Legislation

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(Albany, NY) Senator Michael Gianaris joined Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and several Democratic Conference members to introduce a package of common sense ethics reform legislation. Among the proposals are bills that would effectively ban outside income for legislators, take away pensions from elected officials convicted of felonies, create a public financing system for elections and strengthen financial disclosure laws. In addition, Senator Gianaris authored two bills that would lower contribution limits for campaigns and prevent campaign committees from being reimbursed for legal defense

fees.

"Our state government is in desperate need of real ethics reform," **said Senator Gianaris.** "I am proud to author bills that would lower campaign contribution limits as well as prevent public reimbursement of campaign committees for legal defense, and I am proud to support the entire Senate Democratic ethics package. I hope Senate Republicans realize the urgency of this issue and work with us to immediately pass these common sense reforms so that the people's faith in their government can be restored."

Senator Gianaris has worked throughout his career in the State Legislature to clean up Albany and pass tough ethics reform measures into law.

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