



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Terrence Murphy

Murphy on Terror Attacks: Time for New York to Lead

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ALBANY, NY - Reacting to the deadly terror attacks this morning in Belgium, New York State Senator Terrence Murphy released the following statement:

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"Belgium is a country of many religions and many peoples. Flemish. Walloon. German. Today, we stand with them. All our hearts are with the people of Belgium and we ask God to help comfort and heal the families of Brussels."

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"As one of the headquarters of the International Community, sadly Brussels has also become a target of radical Islamic terrorism and a hot bed for extremism with unsecured border policies that have only exacerbated the issue. Sadly today's events only reinforces my principal that New York must be a leader in the fight against radical Islamic terrorism and we must stay focused on keeping our citizens safe from extremism both foreign and domestic."

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"Therefore, I call on both the Senate and the assembly to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and provide the leadership that the rest of the nation can follow. Monitoring refugee resettlement agencies, and having commonsense checks and balances, can and will reduce the risk of further threats to our state. New York is the international symbol for hope and prosperity and we must pass my legislation to ensure that no terror returns to our great state and nation."

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"Humanitarian concerns are always first and foremost in our minds but security is a close second."