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## Ortt Comments on Federal Judge Ruling Regarding Outdoor Gatherings

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“For weeks, Gov. Cuomo has prevented New Yorkers from exercising their constitutional rights as Americans. He allowed, and publicly supported, mass gatherings as long as it suited him politically, and cracked down on those who wished to assemble safely for graduations or religious practice. This decision further highlights the immediate need to recall Gov. Cuomo’s expanded executive powers, an action which Senate Democrats have already once refused to join Senate Republicans in doing. It is time we return to governance that includes three co-

equal branches, and I am thankful that a federal judge has seen these acts by Gov. Cuomo for what they are – unconstitutional. This decision is a victory for students, parents, and religious communities alike.”

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