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Griffo statement on Governor's future

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New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo, R-I-C-Rome, released the following statement today regarding the future of Gov. Andrew Cuomo:

"Troubling sexual harassment allegations, as well as a potential sexual assault claim. Mismanaged nursing homes policies that have resulted in deaths and the withholding and concealing of important information. Arbitrary and inconsistent directives and Executive Orders. A toxic work environment. A botched and confusing COVID-19 vaccine distribution process. Weaponizing state agencies and threatening legislators. Reports of hiding structural deficiencies on the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo/Tappan Zee Bridge.

These all contribute to a lack of confidence in this Governor and his ability to do the job.

It is clear that the Governor's credibility and effectiveness is in question. While he should step down, he has continued to resist, which is why I also support the impeachment process commencing immediately in the Assembly.

There are a number of important issues confronting our state, including ongoing efforts to mitigate COVID-19, stimulate economic recovery and negotiate the upcoming budget. However, the Governor is damaged and distracted and his defiance is dangerous and disingenuous at such a critical moment for New York."

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