



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Long Island Senate Majority Delegation Statement Regarding Governor Cuomo

ANNA M. KAPLAN March 12, 2021



ALBANY, NY (MARCH 12, 2021) - The Long Island Delegation of the New York State Senate issued the following statement today regarding Governor Cuomo:

Senators Anna M. Kaplan, John Brooks, Todd Kaminsky, Kevin Thomas, and James Gaughran said: "The recent allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct against the Governor are beyond troubling and describe a disturbing pattern of behavior that also now includes a potentially criminal act.

The gravity of these claims makes it clear to us that the Governor cannot lead the state while faithfully responding to multiple investigations. This is especially true in light of the impending state budget deadline, the need to continue guiding the state through the pandemic, and the fragility of the state's economic recovery.

The New York State Constitution demands that if the Governor is "unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor shall act as the Governor until the inability shall cease." We call on the Governor to step aside at least until such time that the Attorney General's investigation is complete. We are confident that the Lieutenant Governor will ably serve the people of New York."