



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator O'Mara joins WCNY's 'The Capitol Pressroom' to discuss the State Legislature's failure to rescind Governor Cuomo's emergency pandemic powers (LISTEN)

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While the state Senate Republican Conference has advanced over 30 legislative amendments to the Senate floor to achieve a straight-out repeal of "state government by Cuomo executive order," their

efforts have been rejected by the Senate Democratic leadership.

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