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Today is a sad and sobering day for all New Yorkers. The Attorney General's findings confirm and reinforce the allegations brought by the brave women who came forward against a powerful figure — that Andrew Cuomo is a serial harasser, unfit to hold public office. In the wake of another devastating report, now more than ever Andrew Cuomo must resign. If he fails to do so, the legislature must immediately reconvene to take action to remove him.

New Yorkers have already been subjected to far too many lies, scandals and misdeeds perpetrated by this Governor and his associates. It is time to bring this sad, tawdry and corrupt chapter in New York's history to a close, and to restore decency, honesty, and accountability to our state's highest office. New York is facing profound challenges, ranging from a wave of violence in our streets, to a badly battered economy.

To effectively address these challenges, we need a change in leadership as quickly as possible.

I must also commend the Attorney General and her team for refusing to be intimidated by this Governor. From the very beginning, Andrew Cuomo and his associates attempted to bully, undercut, and undermine the Attorney General — all as part of an effort to prevent her from doing her job. From attempting to block the initial referral to the Attorney General's office, to the intimidation of potential witnesses, to the blatant attempts to smear her integrity and motivations, this Governor left no stone unturned in his efforts to prevent the truth from being discovered.

While this will undoubtedly go down as a dark day in New York's history, we must now take steps to ensure that it will also be remembered as an important turning point that restores accountability and trustworthiness to state government.

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