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Cuomo resigns. Time for New York to move on.

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"The governor's decision to step aside does not forgive his many transgressions nor absolve him from responsibility. But, it enables the State of New York to move on.

“This had nothing to do with politics as the governor claims. The governor and his team covered up nursing home deaths, used government staff to help him write a \$5 million book, and created a toxic work environment. He used the power of his position to intimidate and harass eleven women who fortunately and courageously stepped forward and stood up to one of our nation’s most powerful politicians.

“Governing through fear, intimidation and threats isn’t leadership. It is a reflection of his character that drives conduct which has been nothing short of disgraceful. If he could get away with it he would and I am gratified he won’t. His misuse of governmental power has now come to define his legacy.

“The governor could only drag New York State down. Perhaps today our state motto Excelsior, meaning ever upward, has a renewed meaning. We need to recover from the social and economic impact of COVID. Managing his own problems meant ‘our’ problems would be an afterthought. Cuomo should be held accountable to the fullest extent possible, but our state can finally move forward.”