



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement from Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Glenville) on Kathy Hochul Becoming New York's 57th Governor

[SENATOR JIM TEDISCO](#) August 24, 2021

"It's a good day in New York and a new beginning for all New Yorkers because our previous governor's reign of terror has ended and we have Kathy Hochul as our state's first female governor. It's especially exciting as we have broken the glass ceiling with having New York's first female governor in place. While I'm encouraged that Governor Hochul is from Upstate and understands our needs, I hope she will have the fortitude to stand up to the powerful downstate elements that control our legislature when Upstate's interests are threatened. I'm disappointed that in her first day as Governor she chose to only meet with the Speaker and Senate Majority Leader and not extend an olive branch to the two Minority Conference Leaders who collectively represent over six million New Yorkers and hope she will do better moving forward. It shouldn't just be three people in a room deciding the destinies of 20 million New Yorkers. We all want the Governor to be successful and want to help her be successful but when she's doing things that could hurt the entire state, including Upstate, from being a better place to live, work and raise a family then we will stand up for our constituents and call her out on it."