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Senator Rath Comments on the Resignation of Dr. Howard Zucker

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Dr. Zucker's decision to resign was necessary. After months of uncertainty over his role in Governor Cuomo's nursing home scandal, New Yorkers, especially the thousands who lost loved ones throughout the pandemic, welcome this change. Nonetheless, today's decision should not deter the ongoing investigation into Dr. Zucker's actions regarding nursing home deaths. The pursuit for answers must continue. Government officials who make missteps will be held accountable. I urge Governor Hochul to nominate a Commissioner of Health that genuinely represents the health interests of all New Yorkers. One who prioritizes transparency and communication rather than politics.