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Nearly two years ago, New York became the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our state was shut down, our schools were closed, and our economy was decimated.

Nearly 700 days later, today's [ruling by a NYS Supreme Court Judge](#) reinforces what my Republican colleagues and I have said from the beginning: it's past time for Governor Hochul and Democrat One-Party Rule to end the mandates.

New Yorkers are fed up — and they are counting on us to return to a system of governance based on collaborative decision making, guidance, checks and balances.

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