



August 11, 2021

Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine
Chair, NYS Assembly Judiciary Committee
Room 832, LOB
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Chairman Lavine:

As you know, in the face of enormous public pressure and multiple local, state and federal investigations into what the Attorney General has said were actions that broke state and federal law, Andrew Cuomo has announced his intention to resign as Governor of the state of New York in 14 days.

We are writing to respectfully ask that the Assembly Judiciary Committee move forward and fast-track its impeachment investigation of Governor Andrew Cuomo so the full Assembly can vote to impeach him thereby removing him from office immediately before the 14 days are up. That would also allow a trial to be held after 30 days in the Senate so we can prohibit him from ever running or holding public office in New York State again and putting New Yorkers in harm's way.

We are very concerned about leaving this Governor and his enablers with their penchant for vindictiveness, mischief, deceit, and obstruction to remain in office for the next 14 days with the immense power that is constitutionally afforded the Executive Chamber. During this time, a lot of evidence can be destroyed or manipulated by the Governor and his cronies if left unchecked.

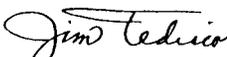
In addition to your committee's inquiry, the Governor is facing separate criminal and civil investigations by the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn on his alleged cover-up of the deaths of thousands of people in nursing homes, use of state staff and resources to write a book which he was paid \$5.1 million, and whether he wrongly secured priority COVID-19 testing for his family and friends. The Governor is also being investigated for alleged improprieties in the construction of the new Tappan Zee Bridge.

In short, Andrew Cuomo and his minions cannot be trusted to be in office another day longer, let alone 14 more days. That's why the impeachment process must move forward so the Assembly can decisively end Cuomo's reign of terror over this state and the Senate can issue a penalty for the Governor's criminal actions so he can't run or hold office again.

We also ask that your committee issue a stern warning to the Governor and his staff not to delete, destroy or manipulate any emails, documents or other public records on their way out the door.

We urge you to take action now so this governor does not go riding off into the sunset scot-free in a manner and time of his choosing. He must be impeached now. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Senator James N. Tedisco
49th Senate District


Senator Daphne Jordan
43rd Senate District