

June 10, 2021

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

Dear Chairman Lavine:

We are writing to respectfully ask that the Assembly Judiciary Committee move forward on its impeachment investigation of Governor Andrew Cuomo before session ends and before the 213 members of the legislature scatter to all parts of the earth for the summer.

As you know, it's been three months since the Assembly announced its Judiciary Committee impeachment inquiry of the Governor on March 11th and the Committee held its first meeting on March 23rd. As of May 27th, the Assembly interviewed 75 individuals and entities and received 125 voice mail tips and 165 emails on the Cuomo investigation. We support due process and we want to see that the victims who have made serious and disturbing allegations against the Governor, as well as the taxpayers of New York see this process move forward in a timely fashion.

In addition to the Assembly impeachment inquiry of sexual harassment allegations, the Governor is reportedly facing separate investigations by the New York State Attorney General on the harassment issue as well as criminal 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, the Governor's 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.

It would be a disservice to the victims and to the residents of the State of New York for the legislature to end session and leave a potentially lame duck governor with such immense and unchecked emergency powers in place without moving forward on the Assembly's impeachment inquiry. Impeachment should be due process and not an over-due process. New Yorkers deserve a decision. The Judiciary Committee shouldn't go home without it.

We urge you to take action now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Senator James N. Tedisco

49th Senate District

Senator Mike Martucci 42nd Senate District