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## STATEMENT FROM SENATOR DAPHNE JORDAN (R,C,I-HALFMOON) ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL DROPPING HER INDOOR MASK MANDATE FOR BUSINESSES:

"Reports that Governor Hochul is finally lifting her indoor mask mandate imposed on businesses is long overdue and welcome news for countless small businesses that have struggled under the weight of the Governor's unconstitutional, costly edict. Now, as COVID cases have thankfully cratered, it's well past time for Governor Hochul to follow the science and rescind her mask mandate on schools. We need to remove this mandate and unmask our kids so they can – after two incredibly long, difficult years – finally have a normal school day. Governor Hochul needs to stop the bureaucratic delays and follow the science, follow the facts, and follow the lead of states like New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and so many others that are making masking voluntary. The time has come to unmask our kids and get back to normal!"

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