



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Bonacic: Monserrate Should Be Expelled From Senate

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State Senator John Bonacic, today called for the Senate to vote to expel State Senator Hiram Monserrate from the State Senate. Senator Bonacic said:

"Senator Monserrate's conduct the night he attacked his girlfriend was reprehensible. Whatever other good he may have done in his career as a Marine, Police Officer, and member of the City Council and State Legislature cannot overcome that conduct. Mr. Monserrate has had his due process—now the consequences of his actions must come."—it is a crime. There must be zero tolerance for it. If a Member of the Legislature is convicted of a crime, his or her conduct should be reviewed and consequences should result. In this case, it is clear that the consequence should be expulsion from the Senate."

"As a former prosecutor, but more importantly as a husband and father, I know that domestic violence is not a private problem. It is a crime. It has to be treated that way. There has to be zero tolerance for it."

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