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Albany, NY - State Senator Rubén Díaz, Sr., Chairman of the Senate Puerto Rican and Latino Caucus today applauded David Grandeau, the former head of the New York State Ethics Commission, for his comments regarding the Commission on Public Integrity and its investigation and report on Governor David A. Paterson.

"I applaud Mr. Grandeau for his comments regarding the Commission's investigation and report concerning Governor Paterson. The investigation was incomplete and in Mr. Grandeau's words, it consisted of an "ethical lynching" of the Governor," stated Senator Díaz.

The immediate response from the press, some public leaders and elected officials in the wake of the Commission's report was for the Governor's immediate resignation.

Senator Díaz also questioned the relative silence of the media regarding Mr. Grandeau's remarks.

"For weeks before and after the release of the Commission's report there was a media feeding frenzy. But when David Grandeau, who is highly regarded makes a statement in reference to the Commission's report, there is virtual silence. Why?" Senator Díaz asked.

"We talk about 'innocent until proven guilty', but rarely, if ever, do we live out this most precious value that has been the bedrock of our justice system since the founding of this great Country," concluded Senator Díaz.