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New York State Senator Reverend Ruben Diaz joins his Senate Colleague Carl Kruger's rebuke of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's ineffective handling of the blizzard that has hit New York.

"It is absurd to know that ambulances and emergency vehicles have been unable to navigate through unplowed streets of New York City. Days before this storm hit we all knew it was coming. No one even put chains on the tires of city buses, sanitation trucks or ambulances in preparation for the storm.

Senator Kruger rightly pointed out that 'Forecasters predicted this blizzard days in advance. There was clearly insufficient planning, and New Yorkers are paying too steep a price. Someone has to be accountable.'

I also read MSNBC anchor Keith Olbermann's twitter: 'NYC littered with abandoned City buses and Bloomberg is bitching about people not shoveling their sidewalks. Condescension personified.'

What kind of Mayor do we have?

Mayor Michael Bloomberg actually chuckled at a press conference today that the world is not coming to an end. Maybe the Mayor's world isn't. And maybe the shows on Broadway will go on, but there are New Yorkers who rely upon City services that tax dollars are supposed to provide, and some of their lives have been put at risk because of him.

I have said it before and will say it again, Mayor Michael Bloomberg needs to be held accountable."

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