



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.

CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO JR. December 31, 2013

“Tomorrow, we begin a new year which brings with it new beginnings, new opportunities, and new challenges. With that in mind, I have decided that it is time to begin a new chapter in my life and leave the New York State Senate effective 11:59 pm tonight.

This was a hard and bittersweet decision to reach. The almost 16 years I have spent serving the residents of the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District were some of the most rewarding and enjoyable of my life. There were many great accomplishments; over 200 state laws authored, including New York State’s landmark Do Not Call Registry, the Clean Indoor Air Law, stronger penalties for drunk drivers, and protections for individuals with autism are just some of the many things we can look back on with pride. I am also incredibly proud that we have been able to help countless residents with problems as major as recovering from the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy to everyday quality of life issues.

However, I am at a point in my life where I am ready for a new challenge. As of January, I will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. This is a new and exciting opportunity which will allow me to continue to help improve the lives of others while at the same time enabling me to spend more time with my family.

Though I will be leaving office, I will continue to be active in serving the community and remain engaged in the issues that are important to all of us.

Serving in the Senate is both an honor and privilege which I will always cherish and be forever grateful. I thank everyone in the community for giving me that privilege and wish each of you the very best in the future.”