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## Senator Serrano Joins NYS Comptroller DiNapoli for Important Asthma Press Conference

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(East Harlem, NY)- Senator Serrano joined New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer, and colleagues for an important press conference regarding the asthma epidemic affecting communities in East Harlem and the South Bronx. Comptroller DiNapoli published a new report that showcases the rising asthma rates and costs associated with treating asthma.

"The communities I represent in the South Bronx and East Harlem have unfortunately been facing a full-blown asthma epidemic for far too long," said Senator Serrano. "The residents of these neighborhoods, especially our youth, report some of the highest asthma rates in the entire state, so it is critical that we find new ways to attack this growing problem. My sincere thanks to New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli for his ongoing efforts, along with this much needed report, which will supply new data and bring additional attention to this problem. Knowledge, awareness and prevention are key components to fighting and winning the war on asthma."

Serrano has been a strong advocate for protecting our environment and finding a comprehensive approach to fighting asthma in our communities.