



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Gustavo Rivera

## Statement from State Senator Gustavo Rivera on the Passing of Former State Senator Tom Libous

**GUSTAVO RIVERA** May 3, 2016

"I am truly saddened by the passing of my former colleague, State Senator Tom Libous. Even though Tom and I sat on opposite sides of the Senate and disagreed on basically every issue, I learned an invaluable lesson from him: that respect across the aisle was neither a fiction nor a fallacy and that as public servants, we should always strive to make government work. I will sincerely miss Senator Libous' intelligence, his sense of humor, and his passion for public service. My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones in this trying time."