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Statement from State Senator Gustavo Rivera on Daniel Loeb's Racially-Charged Remarks Against Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

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"I'm utterly disgusted and appalled by Success Academy Chairman Daniel Loeb's racially-charged remarks against Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. If Mr. Loeb truly cared about uplifting and providing communities of color with meaningful opportunities, he would fight for all public schools to be adequately funded, not spend his time slandering the first African American woman in New York State history to lead a legislative conference.

Under Senator Stewart-Cousins' robust leadership, the Senate Democratic Conference has worked tirelessly to promote and implement a progressive agenda that will benefit all New Yorkers. While Mr. Loeb has since apologized for his remarks, this shameful action should not be tolerated or embraced by any organization or elected representative."