



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Rivera Calls on Immediate Release of \$16 Million in Authorized Funding to Support Title X Recipients

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Senator Rivera urges Governor Cuomo to Release Critical Funding for Family Planning Providers Before some are Forced to Close their Doors

"Two weeks ago, Public Health Solutions announced that it would close its two family planning clinics in Brooklyn. This decision is a clear example of the dangers to our State's public health posed by the Trump administration's gag rule on the Title X Family Planning Program.

As a result of this action, thousands New Yorkers, especially those in low-income neighborhoods, will see their health and overall well-being jeopardized. They will not be able to access the quality and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services they need.

New York State has the resources to fight back and ensure that these centers continue to provide comprehensive and quality healthcare to New Yorkers. I urge the Governor to release the \$16 million in state funds authorized during the budget to support family planning providers in the event of lost federal Title X funding. The immediate release of this life-saving funding will demonstrate New York's long-standing leadership on reproductive

rights. We must act now and release this funding."