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## Senator Borrello Urges Governor Cuomo to Reverse Order to Take Ventilators from Upstate Hospitals

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“With COVID-19 rapidly increasing in several upstate cities and communities, I was shocked to hear the Governor announce that he has signed an executive order allowing ventilators and personal protective equipment from upstate hospitals to be seized for distribution in downstate facilities.

“We are seeing on a daily basis, the rapid spread of this unpredictable virus in cities and communities across upstate. Next door in Erie County, which borders the northernmost portion of the 57<sup>th</sup> District, cases are multiplying at lightning speed. Surrounding counties are also seeing sharp upticks in cases. Taking lifesaving ventilators and PPE from any of our hospitals creates the very real danger that residents and health care workers in the region could see their health, and even their lives, threatened by the lack of necessary equipment.

“While we understand the extreme circumstances that hospitals in New York City and downstate are experiencing, the health and safety of our upstate residents is just as critical. I have sent a letter to Governor Cuomo asking him to reverse this reckless decision.”

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