



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo to vote yes on removing Governor's emergency powers

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The details in the newest New York Times report, which was released yesterday March 4, highlight that Governor Cuomo's aides altered a New York State Health Department report on the number of deaths in nursing homes. If these actions are proven true by an independent investigation under the authority of the NYS Attorney General, it would be an egregious abuse of power that affected the lives of thousands of New Yorkers and their families. With New York administering the COVID vaccine, it is time that we strip Governor Cuomo of the emergency powers that were granted at the start of the pandemic. That is why I am voting today to support Senate bill S.5357, which will do not only that, but allow for increased oversight and review of future Governor's proposals.