

## SERINO RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S RESIGNATION

SUSAN SERINO August 10, 2021

ALBANY, NY -- Senator Sue Serino today released the following statement in response to news that the Governor will resign in 14 days:

"While the Governor's resignation is a small step toward restoring integrity in the Capitol, there is immense work to be done to effectively restore public trust and ensure true justice and accountability for the victims of sexual harassment, and for all those who have been impacted by the Governor's actions during the past 18 months—especially New York's nursing home residents and their loved ones.

The culture in Albany needs to change, and it needs to change today. How someone who stood so tall in the eyes of so many at the start of the pandemic can fall so far is a clear example of what happens when extreme power goes unchecked. It has never been more important to bring balance back to Albany to ensure that our government is one that truly works for the people of New York State. **That starts by ensuring this Governor has zero control over the transition process.** 

As we continue to work to rebuild in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have incredible challenges still ahead of us, and I thank Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul for stepping up to take those challenges on. As the first female State Senator to serve the 41<sup>st</sup> Senate District, I am acutely aware of how historic this moment really is, and I look forward to working with soon-to-be Governor Hochul as we redouble our efforts to move our community, and our state, forward."

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