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## Statement from NYS Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt

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Today, Governor Hochul confirmed what we have been saying months -- disgraced former Governor Cuomo and Department of Health Commissioner Howard Zucker knowingly undercounted COVID deaths in our nursing homes to feed their egos, and in Cuomo's case, to personally profit off a self-congratulatory book on his so-called "leadership" during the pandemic.

I first called on Howard Zucker to resign in January -- DOH under his leadership has lost all

credibility as we continue our efforts to fight the resurgence in COVID and the Delta variant. He needs to resign, and if he does not, Governor Hochul must terminate him immediately.

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