



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Mike Martucci

## Martucci Calls For Preet Bharara To Be Appointed As Nursing Homes Special Prosecutor

MIKE MARTUCCI February 12, 2021

| ISSUE: **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC; COVID-19; NURSING HOMES, GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO; NURSING HOMES; IMPEACHMENT**



*Former U.S. Attorney Has Proven Track Record to Investigate Political Corruption*

**MIDDLETOWN, NY – Senator Mike Martucci (R,C,I-New Hampton)** released the following statement in response to the breaking New York Post report that the most senior aide to Governor Cuomo admitted to hiding nursing home death data to prevent federal investigators from finding out:

“This isn’t about right and left. This is about right and wrong, and covering up 15,000 deaths for political reasons is flat out wrong. We need to know what this administration knew and when. An independent investigation is needed now more than ever, and anyone involved should face justice. Therefore, I am calling for two specific action items.

“First, we need a truly independent investigation — that rules out the Attorney General and the Biden administration since both have been endorsed by and supported by the Governor. Only one person is trusted by both sides of the aisle and has a record of pursuing and prosecuting political corruption wherever it may lurk. His name is Preet Bharara. The Attorney General and the Department of Justice should step aside and appoint Mr. Bharara as Special Prosecutor in this case and provide him with all the people and resources he needs to pursue this investigation wherever it may lead.

“Second, the State Legislature must meet in a special session next week to finally pass a joint resolution revoking the Governor’s extraordinary emergency powers. Only an administration who believes it is above the law would have the nerve to admit to a cover up on an open call that could be recorded. That arrogance comes from having too much power and the Legislature has no choice now but to act to revoke it.

“The families of victims in nursing homes and assisted living/adult care facilities deserve real answers, accountability, and justice. This is the only way we can trust that will happen.”

*Mike Martucci is serving his first term as the Senator for the 42nd NYS Senate District which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster and Delaware counties. He has been named the ranking member of the Senate Committees on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and Small Business, Commerce and Economic Development. Mike is a small businessman who employed hundreds of people locally at his former company, Quality Bus Service, which was responsible for safely transporting thousands of school children each day in and near the 42nd senate district. Mike and his wife Erin own a family-farm in the Town of Westtown and established a family foundation to support local women and children in need, educational opportunities, job creation, and agriculture initiatives. Mike and Erin have three children and live in the Town of Wawayanda.*

###