

Statement From Senate Republican Leader Rob Ortt

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Sadly, another day, <u>another report</u> on Albany's pervasive pay-to-play culture. Governor Hochul's massively bloated, taxpayer-funded deal with state contractors who just happen to be some of her biggest campaign donors simply does not pass the smell test.

Today I am echoing the <u>calls of my colleague Senator Sue Se....</u> for the state Attorney General and Albany District Attorney to investigate these allegations. It is the responsibility of the Administration to provide answers and not ignore the concerns of the taxpayers of New York.

When the Governor took the reins from her disgraced predecessor, she promised a "new era" of "transparency" and "accountability." Instead, what she delivered is more of the same headlines of

corruption that have shattered New Yorkers' trust in their government.