



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Bondi
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We write to formally request an immediate investigation into a blatant coordinated effort by the New York State Democratic leaders to subvert the electoral process for partisan gain. Their latest effort, a proposed change to New York's special election laws, is an egregious abuse of power designed to deny New Yorkers representation in Congress and manipulate the balance of power in Washington.

Albany Democrats, under the direction of Governor Kathy Hochul and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, have introduced legislation that would allow them to delay a special election for New York's 21st Congressional District until November, a move that serves no legitimate purpose other than to weaken the Republican majority in the House of Representatives and obstruct President Trump's agenda. This move is particularly alarming given that the state legislature recently enacted a law with unanimous bipartisan support that requires the governor to call a special election within 10 days of a vacancy, with the election occurring 70 to 80 days later. By circumventing this legal requirement for purely partisan reasons, Governor Hochul and her Democratic allies are engaging in what can only be described as textbook election interference.

Since Chapter 320 of the Laws of 2021 was signed, several special elections have been held in the manner prescribed by New York law with two such elections in 2024 alone. In these "Democratic-friendly" districts, a delay was never proposed. A delay in this specific upcoming

special election is a clear attempt to thwart Republican representation both on the state and federal levels. It will do exactly what the 2021 law was trying to prevent.

This is not an isolated incident. It is part of a longstanding pattern of election manipulation by New York Democrats. Consider the following:

- Partisan Redistricting Scandals: New York Democrats have repeatedly attempted to unconstitutionally redraw congressional and legislative district lines to benefit their party, even stacking the New York Court of Appeals with judges sympathetic to their cause.
- Election Law Court Manipulation: Democrats changed state law to restrict legal challenges to election laws to only four Democrat-controlled counties, effectively shielding their unconstitutional policies from judicial review.
- Rigging Election Schedules: Democrats recently passed legislation moving local elections to even-numbered years, a move specifically designed to benefit Democratic turnout and disadvantage Republican candidates.
- These examples make clear that New York Democrats are engaged in a systematic effort to tilt the electoral process in their favor and deny voters a fair say in their representation.

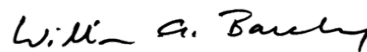
These examples demonstrate a pattern of coordinated behavior that is a blatant attempt to politicize and rig a system to benefit one party over another and disenfranchise New York voters.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to open a full investigation into this matter and take all necessary legal action to prevent this power grab by the New York State Democratic legislators from moving forward. Should you need additional information, we can be contacted at: Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort's office at (518) 455-2024 or Assembly Minority Leader William A. Barclay's office at (518) 455-3751.

Sincerely,



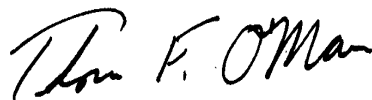
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Senate Minority Leader
62nd District



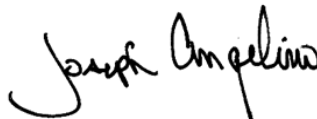
Will Barclay
Assembly Minority Leader



Senator Andrew Lanza
24th District



Senator Tom O'Mara
58th District



Joseph Angelino
121st Assembly District



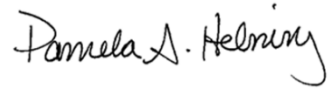
Andrea Bailey
133rd Assembly District



Senator Peter Oberacker
51st District



Senator Anthony Palumbo
1st District



Senator Pam Helming
54th District



Anil Beephan
105th Assembly District



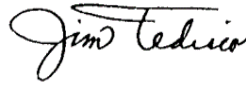
Scott Bendett
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Kenneth D. Blankenbush
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Senator George Borrello
57th District



Senator Jim Tedisco
44th District



Senator Daniel G. Stec
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Jacob Blumencranz
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Paul Bologna
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98th Assembly District



Alec Brook-Krasny
46th Assembly District



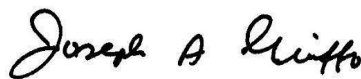
Ari Brown
20th Assembly District



Keith P. Brown
12th Assembly District



Senator Alexis Weik
8th District



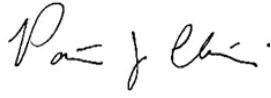
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53rd District



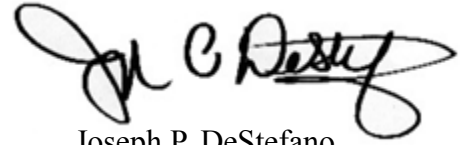
Senator Steve Chan
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Lester Chang
49th Assembly District



Patrick Cludzinski
143rd Assembly District



Joseph P. DeStefano
3rd Assembly District



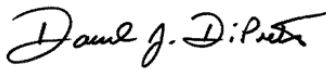
Senator Mario Mattera
2nd District



Senator Mark Walczyk
49th District



Senator Jake Ashby
43rd District



David J. DiPietro
147th Assembly District



Michael Durso
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Michael J. Fitzpatrick
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Senator William Weber
38th District



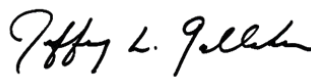
Senator Dean Murray
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Senator Steve Rhoads
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Christopher S. Friend
124th Assembly District



Jeffery Gallahan
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Jarett Gandolfo
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Senator Jack M. Martins
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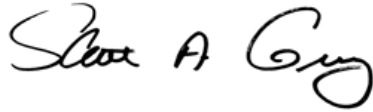
Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick
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Senator Rob Rolison
39th District



Jodi Giglio
2nd Assembly District



Scott A. Gray
116th Assembly District



Stephen M. Hawley
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Joshua T. Jensen
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John Lemondes, Jr.
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Brian D. Manktelow
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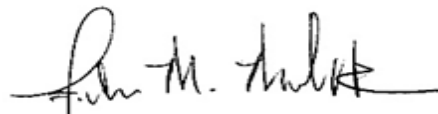
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John Mikulin
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Andrew Molitor
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Daniel Norber
16th Assembly District



Michael Novakhov
45th Assembly District



Philip A. Palmesano
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Samuel T. Pirozzolo
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Edward P. Ra
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Michael W. Reilly, Jr.
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Joseph Sempolinski
148th Assembly District



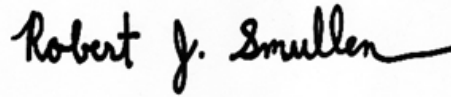
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Matthew J. Slater
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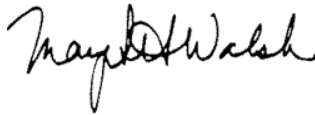
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Mary Beth Walsh
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