

## NYCD16-Indivisible Statement on Governor Cuomo 4-9-21

Nearly one dozen women have now made serious allegations about Governor Andrew Cuomo's aggressive and inappropriate behavior towards women. The most recent details shared by an anonymous staffer still employed by New York State are shocking.

As the Sexual Harassment Working Group (a group of former Albany legislative aides who experienced, witnessed, or reported sexual harassment by former NYS legislators and their staff) says, "She describes not only a physical assault and disgusting verbal harassment, but the Governor and his staff's knowing manipulation of her time and availability to him. That's textbook grooming."

These additional credible revelations come at the same time as new reports of ethical breaches by the Governor, who used state employees to help him win a \$4 million book deal, while the same staff actively worked to suppress information about the true number of nursing home deaths due to COVID-19.

We call on our elected representatives to move with greater haste to begin impeachment proceedings. It is time to show that the strong anti-harassment laws passed by Albany in 2019, along with longstanding ethics laws, actually mean something when it comes to inappropriate and possibly illegal behavior by the most powerful man in New York State.

*Steering Committee of NYCD16-Indivisible, April 2021*