

Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C.

February 3, 2021

Acting Attorney General Monty Wilkinson
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Acting Attorney General Wilkinson,

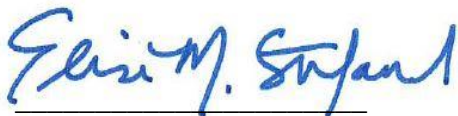
We write to you regarding New York State Attorney General Letitia James' report on the investigation into Governor Cuomo's handling of the COVID-19 nursing home outbreak. The report reveals that Governor Cuomo and his staff recklessly and knowingly underreported the number of nursing home deaths that occurred after his March Executive Order requiring nursing homes to accept COVID-19 patients.

As Representatives for New York in the United States Congress, we are grateful to the Department of Justice for launching an independent inquiry last August for which we advocated. We are also grateful to New York State Attorney General Letitia James for revealing the veracity of Governor Cuomo's mismanagement in her recent report, but the people of New York deserve greater transparency, accountability, and ultimately, the truth about the coverup that Governor Cuomo's administration engaged in.

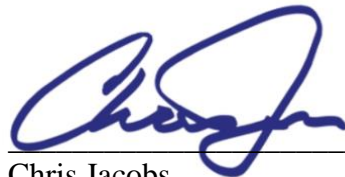
Upon taking office, President Biden pledged that the Department of Justice would be independent, with loyalty only to "the law, the Constitution, and the people of this nation, to guarantee justice." In that spirit, we respectfully request the Department of Justice issue subpoenas for Governor Cuomo, the Secretary to the Governor, the New York State Commissioner of Health and their staff on all documentation and communications related to their nursing home policies during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also ask for an immediate and thorough update on the Civil Rights Division's inquiry into New York State's handling of the COVID-19 crisis in our nursing homes.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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