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**STATEMENT OF STATEN ISLAND DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
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Six months ago 68% of the people of Staten Island re-elected me to continue to serve as their District Attorney. I was overwhelmed by this demonstration of their trust in me and highly gratified by the election results.

We have accomplished so much in our first term and I was re-elected by such a wide margin that, in recent days, many have approached me and asked me to run for Congress, saying, as the business magazine *Crain's* said, that in an election for Congress, I "would surely win."

While that may or may not be true, I know that there are still important initiatives I want to implement in the Staten Island District Attorney's Office – initiatives that will for certain improve the quality of life for all Staten Islanders. We still need to address the issue of domestic violence in our community; we still need to pursue the "dead beat" dads who abandon their children to lives of poverty.

While I am sincerely flattered by the time and attention focused on me at this time, and I am truly humbled by the expression of trust so many have placed in me and in my ability that they would forward my name to be the person to represent Staten Island in Congress, I feel that at this time, I am best able to serve the people of Staten Island in the position to which they re-elected me by such an overwhelming margin just six months ago as their District Attorney.

Therefore, I am now removing my name for consideration for a candidacy for Congress. In doing so, I want to thank all of the individuals, too numerous to mention here, from both the local and national levels who have contacted me urging me to run for Congress and offering their support. I am truly humbled by the faith you have expressed in me.

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