

Pray for our team as we reset a relationship with the Governor's office.

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Dear William,

**On August 10, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that he would resign from office effective August 24.** Article IV, §5 of the New York State Constitution states, "In case of the removal of the governor from office or of his or her death or resignation, the lieutenant-governor shall become governor for the remainder of the term." **Accordingly, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Buffalo native, former Erie County Clerk, and past congresswoman from Western New York, will succeed Andrew Cuomo as Governor of New York.**

In an August 12 appearance on NBC's "Today" show, Lt. Gov. Hochul, acknowledged that she will need some things from the residents of this state as she soon begins her tenure as New York's 57<sup>th</sup> Governor. She said, "Right now, I need their faith, I need their prayers and I need their support to make sure we get this right." Our organization wishes Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul the best as she takes the helm of the ship of state. She will have our prayers—and hopes that a Gov. Hochul will return to her earlier, more conservative roots, than what we have witnessed since she went statewide in her current role.



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**The public policy positions of the Hochul Administration may not look all that different than the previous Administration's policies.**

For example, Ms. Hochul has already indicated that she may be seeking more expansive emergency powers to deal with the delta variant and that she expects mask mandates to be a reality in schools.

Pro-life New Yorkers should know that Lt. Gov. Hochul will be a pro-abortion governor. During the 2018 debate over Gov. Cuomo's Abortion Expansion Act, Hochul said that it was "vitally important" for the Senate to vote on "legislation that simply says we should codify *Roe v. Wade*." We knew then that the legislation was no mere codification of *Roe*, but in an August 11, 2021, *New York Times* article entitled "Cuomo Advanced a Feminist Agenda. Was That Just Politics?", Lisa Lerer acknowledges that the law "expanded access to abortion". In January of this year, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood honored Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul as its "2021 Advocate for Choice."

**While policy may not look all that different with a new administration, the style, tone, and tenor is already.**

Hochul has a reputation for collaborating with others, a very different approach than Andrew Cuomo's ham-handedness. Historically, our organization has had relationships with governors as diverse as Mario Cuomo and George Pataki. Gov. David Paterson would refer to me by first name, and I would remind him that Christians across the state were remembering him in prayer. Unfortunately, Gov. Andrew Cuomo never accepted a meeting request or even acknowledged a letter, but we are hopeful that a Gov. Hochul will continue to be as welcoming to hearing from even those she disagrees with as when she served as my member of Congress in the

26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. **Please pray for our team as we seek to reset a relationship with the Governor's office.**

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