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New York State

Binghamton & Broome County

Carole Coppens

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Martha Kamber

City of New York

Mary Crawford (Interim)

Cortland

Kelly Tobin

Elmira & Twin Tiers

Katie Boland

Genesee County

Millie Tomidy-Pepper

Greater Capital Region

Starletta Smith

Jamestown

Amanda Gesing

Mohawk Valley

Dianne Stancato

Niagara Frontier

Kathleen Granchelli

Northeastern New York

Kim Siciliano

Queens

Eun-Kyung Kim

Rochester & Monroe County

Myra Henry

Syracuse & Onondaga County

Fanny Villarreal

Ulster County

Athena Fliakos (Interim)

Western New York

Jill Ann Robbins-Jabine

Westfield

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White Plains & Central Westchester

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Yonkers

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**YWCAs of NYS Statement on Attorney General's Report
Investigation Reveals Credibility to Allegations Against Governor Cuomo**

As the largest network of domestic and sexual violence service providers in the state of New York, YWCAs of New York State are intensely invested and committed to ensuring that survivors of domestic and sexual violence can regain stability, confidence, and find security as they rebuild (or take back) their lives.

The findings released today regarding the investigation of sexual harassment allegations against Governor Andrew Cuomo are deeply disturbing. Further, in acknowledging the investigation results, Governor Cuomo displayed behaviors that perpetuate challenges faced by so many women in the workplace. Leaders must act with integrity, respect and dignity for all.

As we collectively strive to empower women, YWCAs of New York State believe that any and all forms of sexual harassment in the workplace are unacceptable. We expect accountability and justice.

To the brave survivors who came forward in this case, our hearts are with all of you. We stand with you, and we believe you. The unification of women and girls everywhere to boldly speak out and share their stories with the world will not be deterred.

YWCAs of New York State will continue to get up and do the work to ensure that all women and girls across the state of New York have access to safe, comfortable, and supportive work environments that are free from all forms of harassment, abuse, and violence.

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YWCAs of New York State is the leading women's organization within New York State, advocating on behalf of all YWCAs and our collective mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.