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**Resolution of the New York State Democratic Committee
Calling Upon Governor Andrew Cuomo
To Reject the Independence Party Line
May 20-22, 2014**

Whereas the New York State Independence Party is a very minor Party that embodies the corrupt ethos of “pay to play” politics;

And whereas many voters are confused by the designation of “Independence” and believe that by registering on the Independence Party line they are actually registering as Independents who are unaffiliated with any party;

And whereas instead the Independence Party is anything but an outside voice for independent opinions, but is instead synonymous with the worst kind of cronyism and corruption that so many disenchanted voters associate with political Parties;

And whereas the Moreland Commission investigation of public corruption heavily criticized the Independence Party for campaign financing improprieties in the 2012 elections;

And whereas the latest campaign finance disclosures show that 80 percent of the monies raised by the Independence Party over the last two years was spent on businesses owned or activities conducted by a very small group of Independence Party leaders and their cronies;

And whereas the Independence Party hampers the efforts of New York Democrats to build Democratic registration in their districts;

And whereas the Independence Party is a genuine impediment to Democrats and progressives seeking to elect Democratic candidates to office;

And whereas under New York State law any party that receives 50,000 votes in a Gubernatorial election gets an automatic ballot line for the next four years;

And whereas the rejection of the Independence Party line by all Gubernatorial candidates would ensure that sham Party’s demise;

Therefore be it resolved, that the members of the New York State Democratic Committee call upon our leader Governor Andrew Cuomo to reject the nomination of the Independence Party, thereby ensuring that a New York voter can actually vote on ballot lines that represent the values, views and opinions of that voter.

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