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Democrats: Paterson Ready to Serve Call for Healing After Resignation

Rochester, New York – March 12, 2008. Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature offered the following statement on today's resignation by Governor Eliot Spitzer.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson, D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta, said "To see any individual fall from grace is a heartbreaking turn of events for everyone involved, but most of all for the individual's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Spitzer family at this understandably difficult time as they begin the process of healing. It is, however, critically important that this situation does not further cripple our state government. We look forward to working with Governor Paterson to continue our agenda for revitalizing the upstate economy to retain and expand job opportunities, ensuring upstate is a place where people can work and raise their family with the economic stability they deserve.

"We stand ready to work with Governor Paterson to ensure the critical needs of upstate are addressed, including continued support for the University of Rochester Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and the promising redevelopment of the Midtown Plaza site. Guaranteeing these worthy projects continue must be a priority for all elected officials—federal, state and local—and we intend on doing everything within our power to make certain upstate is able to make the progressive economic changes these projects will yield."

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