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## **State Senator Kevin Parker’s Statement on Governor Cuomo’s *Fair Housing Enforcement Program***

**Albany, N.Y.** – Today, State Senator Kevin Parker issued the following statement in response to the launch of Governor Cuomo’s Fair Housing Enforcement Program:

“I am very pleased with the Governor’s announcement to launch the Fair Housing Enforcement Program in an effort to combat discrimination in rental and home sale transactions. The program will send a very strong message to housing providers that bias against an individual due to their race, sexual orientation, religion, or disability will not be tolerated in New York State.”

“The Housing Enforcement Program will ensure that families have equal opportunity to rent and buy properties throughout New York State without fear of discrimination. I support the Governor’s decision to partner with Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) in Buffalo, CNY Fair Housing in Syracuse, and Westchester Residential Opportunities in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties to implement the program. I do hope to see in the very near future a partnership with a New York City based agency as many residents in my district in Central Brooklyn are subjected to the same prejudice when looking for somewhere to call home.”

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### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker, a lifelong Brooklyn resident, is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 residents in the Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope sections of Brooklyn. He is the Ranking Democratic Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He serves on the Senate Committees on Banks, Higher Education, Rules, Insurance, Finance, and Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation. Senator Parker is the Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs for the Senate Democratic Conference, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.

For more information on Senator Parker, please visit [www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker](http://www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker)