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**NYPIRG Statement on Conviction of former Assemblyman Silver**

A political earthquake has hit Albany. This is a stinging rebuke to the "Albany business as usual" defense and a clarion call to clean up state ethics.

Hopefully this will be the tipping point at which New York's political leadership will get its heads out of the sand. Governor Cuomo must now call a special session devoted to ethics reform