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NYPIRG Statement on the Passing of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

(Albany, NY) - NYPIRG is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. A trailblazer as the first woman to lead a state legislative chamber, she led with smarts, integrity, and grace.

She was a strong ally in the ongoing efforts to improve New York State. As leader of the state Senate, she was able to work with the governor and the Assembly leadership to improve New York's system of elections, expand investments in higher education, bolster mass transit, and strengthen the environment.

We offer our condolences to her family and her colleagues. She will be missed.