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***Statement by Chairman Michel R. Long on Governor Cuomo's
Executive Order Prohibiting State Agencies from Inquiring about
Immigration Status***

Brooklyn, NY --- By the stroke of his pen, Governor Andrew Cuomo, undermines the very essence of what made New York State the Empire State. The immigrants who contributed so much to our Empire State, came here **legally**. They stood in line and respected the rule of law. New York's Ellis Island welcomed and processed almost 40% of the legal immigrants that have come to America.

We are proud of being a melting pot of **legal immigration**. It is illegal immigration that we oppose; when you enter illegally you make the statement that the rule of law does not apply to you.

Governor Cuomo's Executive Order gives immigrants who have entered our beloved country illegally his blessing to disregard the rule of law and allows illegal immigrants to reap the benefits created by a society that is based on the rule of law.

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