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**MOLINARO CALLS ON STATE SHERIFFS,
POLICE OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE PREDATOR PROTECTION LAW:
ARREST BANNED CUOMO PEDOPHILE PAROLEES ON
SCHOOL PROPERTIES NEXT THURSDAY**

**Cuomo Can't Ignore 1,000-Foot Law for Pardoned Parolee Votes;
Must Release List of Dangerous Offenders to Sheriffs Now**

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*New York-Sept. 6...*New York gubernatorial candidate Marc Molinaro today called on Sheriffs across New York State to arrest paroled pedophiles and other sex offenders, considered so dangerous that they are legally banned from stepping within 1,000 feet of schools, if they step on school property during next Thursday's primary election. Governor Andrew Cuomo pardoned dozens, if not hundreds, of dangerous sex predators banned from school properties earlier this year to allow them to vote in a primary in which he is appearing. There are no exceptions in the law for school-banned sex predators on election days.

“Andrew Cuomo is instructing sex predators to break the law; I am asking hardworking New York State Sheriffs to enforce it,” Mr. Molinaro said. “If Andrew Cuomo wanted to change the law to allow his pardoned sex offenders on school property on primary day he should have done so. But he didn't, and the law is the law — at least in my book.”

Mr. Molinaro, the Dutchess County Executive, called on Governor Cuomo to immediately provide New York State Sheriffs with an up-to-date list of sex offenders he has pardoned who are currently banned from being within 1,000 feet of schools for reference. Some of Mr. Cuomo's recently pardoned sex offenders are already back in jail for committing new rapes and sexual assaults.

“The law matters, and Governor Andrew Cuomo has an obligation to follow it, even when he's trolling for votes in a contentious primary,” Mr. Molinaro said. “What's worse, this governor is encouraging sex offenders to break the law, which might actually violate their parole agreements. If Andrew Cuomo really wanted to, he could have addressed this issue legislatively, but in typical fashion he tried to govern by fiat and made a total mess of the situation.

New York State specifically warns parolees that legal violations may result in new improvement. Its instructions read: *I will not behave in such manner as to violate the provisions of any law to which I am subject, which provides for a penalty of imprisonment, nor will my behavior threaten the safety or well-being of myself or others.*

Mr. Cuomo's pardon of school-banned sex offender parolees also flies in the face of another legal obstacle: Absentee Ballot laws have no provision for paroled sex offenders. Indeed, the rules for absentee ballot voters are made clear by the New York State Board of Elections:

*You may vote by absentee ballot in New York if you expect to be:
Absent from your county or, if a resident of New York City, absent from New York City, on Election Day*

Unable to appear at the polls due to illness or physical disability or because you are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled

A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital
Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

Sheriff's across New York agree:

“Governor Cuomo isn’t just weak on crime, he’s making a mockery of New York State law,” Mr. Molinaro said. “These executive fiats will stop when I am governor. Laws apply until a legislature changes them and a governor signs them. This freelancing governor has created a dangerous mess in his pandering for parolee votes.”

“Sheriffs from around our state work tirelessly every day to ensure the safety of our schools. It is sad and unfortunate to see such blatant disregard for the laws and rules that help to keep our children safe,” Richard Devlin, Jr., Otsego County Sheriff.

“The desperation for votes by the governor by allowing felons, in particular pedophiles restricted by law from going near our schools where polling places are located, again demonstrates an illegal double standard by allowing absentee voting, when in fact the person is not absent defined by the law,” Carl Dubois, Orange County Sheriff.

“It is proven more and more every day, there truly is a two tier justice system! This is disgusting.” Michael Carpinelli, Lewis County Sheriff.

“Our men and women in law enforcement proudly put on the uniform to ensure that all New Yorkers remain safe as they go to work and school. We must work together to ensure that the laws of our state and nation are followed,” Ron Stevens, Schoharie County Sheriff.

“Regardless of Cuomo’s conditional pardon which allows an estimated 35,000 convicted felons the right to vote, any convicted felon entering a school to vote or for any other reason in violation of the terms and conditions of their release will be arrested accordingly,” Chris Moss, Chemung County Sheriff.

“I have known Marcus for over 20 years. He is a man of integrity and always looks out for the best interests of his constituents,” Butch Anderson, Dutchess County Sheriff.

“Ignoring the laws on the books to keep our children and families safe is outrageous. We must continue to work to protect our children, particularly while at school,” Greg Seeley, Greene County Sheriff.

“Andrew Cuomo is wrong about a lot of things. This horrific abuse of power is yet another. I’m proud to stand with fellow Sheriffs around the State to say Cuomo is wrong.” Gary Howard, Tioga County Sheriff.

“Changing Public policy by executive order to allow sex offenders into schools for voting or any other purpose is appalling. Governor Cuomo has it completely wrong once again!” Ernie Cutting, Chenango County Sheriff.

“From Raise the Age to the SAFE Act, Andrew has implemented bad policy without thinking through the consequences. Now allowing sex offenders onto school grounds? It’s another Cuomo failure.” Todd Hood, Madison County Sheriff.

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