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**STATEMENT FROM NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATIVE PARTY
CHAIRMAN GERARD KASSAR ON RELEASE OF ZELDIN
ASSAILANT**

Brooklyn, NY - "Only in New York can someone attack a sitting congressman with a weapon and be back out on the street within hours.

"But that's the state we live in under Governor Kathy Hochul and reckless, one-party Democrat rule.

"Congressman Lee Zeldin, the Republican-Conservative candidate for governor and a Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserves, was making that exact point at the Monroe County rally Thursday evening when he was attacked by a man carrying a potentially deadly device. Thank God that the congressman and his running mate, former NYPD Deputy Inspector Alison Esposito, had the training and wherewithal to quickly take the man down.

"It's yet to be seen if the assailant was directed to the event by Gov. Hochul herself — her campaign issued an angry, hyperbolic dummy news advisory to steer protesters to the Zeldin rally — but it is our hope that she will use better judgment in the future. This state is volatile enough without its governor ginning up fury."

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