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Statement of Susan Iannucci

Good afternoon. My name is Susan Iannucci.

I appear before you today because I am being put in a position where I feel as if I am being used by Governor Cuomo to push a narrative that his habit of invading people's personal space is justified. I am appalled to be in a position where I feel as if I am being used in this manner. I am a private person who works hard and loves my family. I do not appreciate him using my picture to spin a story.

On June 12th of 2018, Gov. Cuomo held a press conference in my hometown of White Plains, N.Y. which I attended with a friend. As he was mingling with the crowd after his speech, he hugged my friend, and then turned his attention to me. He looked me in the eye, grabbed my arm, pulled me toward him, and kissed me on the cheek without asking if I was okay with a greeting so personal. I was taken by surprise and embarrassed and because of this, I smiled nervously. Afterward, I had to endure comments from people in attendance. I then discovered that someone had taken a picture of this and posted it to social media causing me further distress and humiliation.

On August 4th, 2021, Gov. Cuomo released a video in which he admits that he “kisses everyone,” and in that video he used the picture of him kissing me. Only this time, the video is shown on all the news networks and in newspapers. I am once again put in a position of humiliation and embarrassment.

I do not condone his actions towards any of the women who have come forward, and I do not appreciate being made to look as if I do. I believe the Governor’s actions towards myself, and others, to be wrong, despite how he has chosen to utilize my image.

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