Why I Am Endorsing Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu

It is hard to exaggerate the shamelessness that passes for political behavior these days. Politicians sell out our democracy to the highest bidder, and trade away our public schools, clean air and water, and economic futures. Around the world I've seen repeatedly how greed and corruption put societies on the path of self-destruction. Unless we use our democratic vote to bring honesty and excellence back to politics, America's decline will become irreversible.

That's why I'm here today, to endorse New York Governor and Lieutenant Governor candidates Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu. We cannot afford any longer to allow our politicians to squander our future. It's time to end the era of greed that stretches from Ronald Reagan to today. Governor Andrew Cuomo campaigned for Governor in 2010 as a progressive, but has proved himself to be far more interested in catering to rich Wall Street donors than in the serving average New Yorkers.

I am asking New Yorkers and New York Democrats to stand together to demand honesty and change. If we elect Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu, they and we will begin to fix New York. Working together, we can achieve better schools, renewable energy, and a fairer tax code. We can achieve a return to the great NY tradition of progressive leadership in the steps of Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Fiorella LaGuardia. Those leaders built the hydroelectric power, the bridges, the airports, and the parks we still use today. It's now our chance, by supporting new leadership and honest politics to build our legacy, not corruption. We can fix our problems.

I will be greatly honored to be an advisor to Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu, because they are people of world-class expertise, lifelong commitment, and enormous integrity. They have the people-oriented agenda we need. I encourage all New York Democrats to vote for Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu on September 9.

I'm standing with Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu because they stand with New York. And
I'm asking you to join us.

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