

Cuomo Will Back McDonald

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo is offering to lend his backing to Sen. Roy McDonald, who lost his bid in the Republican Primary against Kathy Marchione in what was seen as a referendum on McDonald's vote for same-sex marriage.

McDonald was defeated by a margin of around 113 votes and could still continue his quest to regain his seat on a third party line.

In an [open letter](#) to McDonald, Cuomo wrote:

“I remember personally asking you for your support. You stood up for your principles, for equality and for a population long victimized. It is now evident that you paid a political price for your convictions. You should not be left to stand alone now.”

Meanwhile, Republican Sens. Steve Saland and Mark Grisanti, who voted for same-sex marriage, came out victorious in their races. Saland had more of a [squeaker](#) than Grisanti.

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