

NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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MOLINARO: WHY ARE WE INVITING TERRORISTS TO HUDSON VALLEY? *Assemblyman blasts proposals to host terror trials in Hudson Valley*

Assemblyman Marcus J. Molinaro (R,I,C-Red Hook) today announced his staunch opposition to any suggestion of bringing terrorists to trial in the Hudson Valley. Molinaro came out strongly against recent statements by Hudson Valley public officials who claimed that hosting the trials of Khalid Sheik Mohammed and other terrorists would be an economic boon. He said such claims were disrespectful and reckless.

“This civilian trial will be nothing more than a spectacle and an insult, where the terrorists spout their hatred and try to inspire others to commit heinous crimes. Worst of all, it will make our community a symbolic terror target. I should not have to remind our elected officials that the Hudson Valley was already the target of a terror attack,” said Molinaro, referring to a terror plot last May to attack Newburgh’s Stewart International Airport. “These monsters belong in a cell in Guantanamo, not in our backyard.”

The governor of New York, mayor of New York City, and New York’s U.S. Senators expressed reservations in hosting the terror trial of the 9/11 mastermind and his co-conspirators in New York City. They cited cost and security concerns. Molinaro said it was unacceptable for the trial to be shifted to the Hudson Valley, where he said those same concerns exist.

“I’m absolutely stunned that we would actually have elected officials welcoming terrorists to the Hudson Valley because they view it as a chance for good publicity and potential profit,” said Molinaro. “It is insulting to cite economic gain out of the loss of thousands of lives and the loss of a global economic symbol. I would like to think that these elected officials can be a little more creative and less disrespectful in their economic development proposals.”

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