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## Rep. Cassidy: Time to elect diverse leadership coalition that can chart new course

SPRINGFIELD (January 11, 2021)--Following is a statement from State Rep. Kelly Cassidy in reaction to the news that Speaker Madigan is suspending his campaign for speaker.

"This is truly a historic moment for our caucus and our state. Speaker Madigan's decision to suspend his campaign is an opportunity for us to come together as Democrats and carve a new path forward. Our caucus' growing diversity is our strength, and we need to respect that as we decide what our leadership team looks like going forward. I anticipate that this debate will be robust and impassioned, but in the end, we are all Democrats, and we will come together to turn the page and fight for new solutions for the people of Illinois.

"This news came as a shock to a lot of the caucus, so I expect the race will change dramatically as a result. This is a time to hear what all of our colleagues have to say about their visions for a new leadership team. I have nothing to announce right now, but will keep everyone apprised if that should change."