Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement applauding Governor Andrew Cuomo's appointment of Joe Martens as Commissioner of New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation.

"Governor Cuomo has made an outstanding decision in appointing Joe Martens to head the state's Department of Environmental Conservation. I've worked with Joe over the years on a range of issues and have consistently found him to be a strong ally in the effort to safeguard New York's environmental resources. I look forward to working with Joe in his new role as DEC Commissioner."