*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."