

John Mannion Has Been Accused By Former Senate Staff Of Enabling A Hostile Work Environment Including Allegations Of Mistreatment, Harassment And Retaliation. This Group Alleges That Mannion Himself Was Verbally Abusive Towards Them, Often Yelling And Referring To Himself As “The King!”

In June 2024, John Mannion Was Anonymously Accused Mistreatment, Harassment And Retaliation Against His New York Senate Staff

On Monday, June 17, 2024, An Anonymous Post Was Published On Medium Accusing State Senator John Mannion Of Creating “A Hostile Work Environment – Including Mistreatment, Harassment, And Retaliation...” “We are a group of former staff of New York State Senator John W. Mannion. We are writing to share our experiences of a hostile work environment – including mistreatment, harassment, and retaliation – during our time working for the Senator. We started our work with him because we wanted to make a difference in our community, but many of us have left public service due to the trauma we endured. Our allegations are serious, often sexist and homophobic in nature, and we hope that they will be taken seriously. We have come together now to write this letter because there is still time to avoid elevating yet another abuser to high office. We are speaking out to find healing and justice, and because the public deserves to know the truth. However, we cannot be named in this forum because we know we will face further retaliation.” (Concerned Mannion Staff, “To Central New Yorkers,” [Medium](#), 6/17/24)

The Post Includes A Number Of Accusations, Including That Senator Mannion Would Subject Staff To “Out Of Control Yelling...Often With Cursing, And Always With The Intention Of Intimidating...” And Yelling Statements Like “I Am The King” At Staff. To start, we have been subjected to out of control yelling by Senator Mannion, often with cursing, and always with the intention of intimidating us. In one instance, the screaming was so severe, a staffer became physically ill. In another instance, one staffer, a young woman, was brought into a room alone to be verbally berated for nearly an hour. When yelling at staff, he often screamed things such as ‘I am the Senator’ and ‘I am the King.’ We have also experienced direct retaliation. In one instance, a Senate staff member credibly reported sexual harassment by a coworker toward a constituent. While the case itself was handled appropriately through official channels, the staff person who made the report suffered retaliation for doing so. After the report, the Senator expressed to other staff that he no longer trusted the staffer who filed the report. In the following days, that staffer had most job duties stripped away and ultimately resigned as a result.” (Concerned Mannion Staff, “To Central New Yorkers,” [Medium](#), 6/17/24)

- **The Identities Of The Anonymous Signees Were Confirmed By The Daily Orange As Former Staffers Of John Mannion.** “Three of the letter’s authors, who signed the letter as ‘Concerned Former Staff,’ confirmed their identities to The Daily Orange. The D.O. was able to verify their previous employment as part of Mannion’s staff. They wished to remain unnamed in this article for fear of retaliation. Two of the staffers said they worked with the senator on his campaign team and within the state senate, respectively.” (Julia Boehning, “Former Mannion Staffers Allege Harassment, Intimidation In Public Letter,” [The Daily Orange](#), 6/22/24)

An Investigation Into Mannion’s Conduct Was Subsequently Launched By The New York State Senate. “The New York State Senate is investigating. His opponent, Sarah Klee Hood, has for the most part refrained from commenting directly until the results of the investigation are public.” (Conor Wight, “Sen. Mannion Responds To Allegations He Created Toxic Work Environment For Staff,” [CNY Central](#), 6/21/24)