



Where violence ends and hope begins

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Dear Governor Paterson,

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Yesterday, the legislature sent 9 bills of great importance to the safety of victims of domestic violence in New York State and we urge you to sign all of them into law. Each bill addresses critical issues for victims of domestic violence such as:

Secretary
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Protecting the confidentiality of domestic violence victims by:

- ✓ authorizing the secretary of the state to receive and process mail (A10180), and
- ✓ providing unlisted phone numbers (A6509B).

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Promoting the economic justice for victims of domestic violence:

- ✓ protecting the employment status of victims of domestic violence (A9018A),
- ✓ protecting victims from discrimination while seeking and obtaining housing (A9020A)
- ✓ establishing temporary maintenance guidelines during the divorce process (A10984B) and
- ✓ ensuring attorney and expert fees are paid by the more monied spouse (A7569A).

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Enhancing the legal system's response to domestic violence by:

- ✓ creating the crime of strangulation and criminal obstruction of breathing (S6987A) and
- ✓ enhancing the issuance and extension of orders of protection (A6195A & A8393A).

Executive Director

Jeffrey A. Friedman

These 9 bills finalize many outstanding issues that the domestic violence advocacy community has been asking the legislature to fix. This is a pivotal moment and we hope that you will support victims of domestic violence in New York State by signing these bills into law.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Friedman,
Executive Director

