



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Alesi Helps to Pass Leandra's Law

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As one of the strongest advocates of discouraging drunk driving, Senator Alesi helped to pass Leandra's Law, which creates a new crime of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a child as a passenger. Senator Alesi was the sponsor of New York State's toughest repeat offender DWI laws.

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*“While I am saddened that it took the death of a child to make a bill like Leandra's Law a reality, I am honored to be a part of this historic legislation.” Senator Alesi stated. “I am encouraged that this law goes a step further to ensuring the safety of minors by requiring all individuals convicted of misdemeanor and felony DWI offenses to install and maintain an ignition interlock device in their vehicle.”*