



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Press Statement regarding the passage of bill S.3111

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Bill S.3111 gives parents of still born children the option to get birth certificates and name their children.

Senator Adams' states:

" I am heartened that Governor Cuomo has signed bill S. 3111 into law, as it provides a measure of compassion and solace to parents who have been subjected to an unfathomable set of circumstances. Over the past two and a half years I've met with parents that have suffered the cruel fate of having a stillborn child. No matter when the event transpired, they carry the pain as if it were yesterday.

As a legislator, there is a massive volume of bills that come before me and that volume can create a disconnect from the underlying human element that precipitated the legislation. In this case, the clarion call to show compassion and afford closure for these families shined through immediately, and it is my hope that the passage of this bill begins a healing process for the families that have endured through such circumstances. I commend these brave families and individuals for having the fortitude, dedication and persistence to inhabit that moment for years in the course of brining about this sweeping change. "