

Senate Approves Historic Women's Equality Agenda

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Millions of mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers from across New York State are on the verge of an historic victory at the State Capitol.

That's because the State Senate has just voted to pass a landmark new "Women's Equality Agenda," which includes important new reforms designed to:

- $\bullet \in$ Ensure that women get equal pay for equal work;
- €Stop sexual harassment of women in the workplace;

- €Protect domestic violence victims from discrimination; and
- €Combat the scourge of human trafficking.

These are just a few of the many important components of this comprehensive package that is designed to protect and empower millions of New York women in their homes, their careers and their local communities.

A woman <u>should not</u> be paid less than a man if she is doing the same job. A woman <u>should never</u> be sexually harassed in the workplace. And no woman should <u>ever</u> be subjected to the devastating trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence, sexual violence or human trafficking.

These are the types of basic, fundamental issues of fairness, equality, security and empowerment for women that are at the heart of this sweeping legislation, and I am truly proud to support this historic effort.

To learn more about the new "Women's Equality Agenda" and what it means for women throughout our state, click here.