

## Senator Marty Golden Announces Passage of Women's Equality Legislation

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Albany – "In our first legislative act of 2015, the Senate passed the Women's Equality Package to reaffirm our commitment to strengthen the rights of women and protect those who are most susceptible to abuse and discrimination. I am happy to announce that as a result of our persistence, the Assembly finally followed our lead and voted to approve this important piece of legislation.

This bi-partisan legislation would ensure equal pay for equal work; help to stop human trafficking; combat sexual harassment in the workplace; end gender discrimination in employment, housing and credit decisions; make reasonable work accommodations available for pregnant women; and provide stronger protections for domestic violence victims. Rightfully, the New York State legislature put politics aside and made women's rights, health and safety a top priority. I am confident that the Governor understands the importance of Women's Equality Package and will quickly sign it into law."

"Although this is great step in the right direction, we must remain vigilant to ensure that every woman is treated with respect, dignity and has every opportunity to provide for themselves and their families in a safe environment."