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## Supporting Justice for Rape Victims

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This past week, I joined Congresswoman Maloney, Assembly Member Dan Quart and brave Manhattan rape survivor Natasha Alexenko to call on the federal government to reduce the dangerous national rape-kit backlog and reauthorize the Justice for All Act. Natasha was forced to wait 15 years for the evidence she needed to convict her attacker due to the rape-kit processing backlog, currently estimated at 400,000. This act will increase funding for DNA evidence processing to ensure that medical examiners across the country have the tools to process evidence for criminal cases quickly and accurately.

I am grateful to Congresswoman Maloney for her leadership and will continue to do everything I can to support her efforts to ensure that victims of rape and sexual assault are given the evidence they need to seek justice.