



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## SENATOR NOZZOLIO: LOOPHOLE MUST BE CLOSED THAT ALLOWS MURDERERS TO PROFIT FROM THEIR CRIMES

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Citing the injustice in the case of convicted murderer Michael Moore, Senator Michael Nozzolio is calling on his fellow New York State legislators to join him in his efforts to close a state loophole that allows convicted murderers to profit from their crimes. Michael Moore who was convicted in the murder of his fiancée Kayla, stands to collect as much as \$577,000 from her life insurance policies, which designated him as the sole beneficiary. As the law stands, a convicted murderer is able to collect insurance money from his or her victims if they are deemed not criminally responsible due to mental illness.

“It is an outrage that a loophole exists in New York State law which allows murderers to profit from their victims,” Senator Nozzolio continued. “As the Chairman of the New York Senate Codes Committee, I intend to introduce legislation to close this absurd loophole and tilt the scales of justice back on behalf of victims, not murderers.”

Senator Nozzolio is also co-sponsoring Majority Leader John Flanagan’s bill, which amends the “Son of Sam” law to prohibit a defendant who is found or takes a plea of not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect from profiting from their crime through the commercial exploitation of their criminal stories.

“Kayla’s two children are the rightful beneficiaries of their mother’s life insurance policy,” continued Senator Nozzolio. “At the ages of five and nine, they deserve to start their lives again and I am going to engage this issue head-on and close the loophole that unfairly rewards murderers.”

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