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## Senator Serrano Commends Mayor De Blasio On Creating The Domestic Violence Task Force

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Mayor Bill de Blasio launched the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force, which will develop a comprehensive citywide strategy to reduce domestic violence by intervening as early as possible, enhancing pathways to safety for survivors and ensuring swift, effective and lasting enforcement to hold abusers accountable. The Task Force, consisting of experts from inside and outside government as well as survivors, is charged with developing durable solutions to a problem that persists nationwide.

**"The silent epidemic of domestic violence has injured families and individuals in our community for far too long. One of the more proven ways to combat domestic violence is through public awareness and open discussion, and I applaud Mayor de Blasio for continuing to do just that. The creation of this Domestic Violence Task Force will help ensure that we are all working together to create a strong plan that will protect victims while bringing abusers to justice."**

Senator Serrano has been a firm advocate and defender of victims of domestic violence. The Senator has hosted an episode of "Represent NYC," where I was joined by experts in the field of domestic violence. They discussed the issue in great detail and gave advice to the public about what they could do if they find themselves or someone they know in this troubling situation. You can watch the episode [here](#). Serrano, with the help of local domestic violence organizations and fellow New York State elected officials, he launched the #NYSpeakUp social media campaign for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

