



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## IN LIGHT OF CUOMO'S REPORTED PLAN TO PASS CHILD VICTIMS ACT THIS YEAR, HOYLMAN DEMANDS REPUBLICANS STOP BLOCKING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILD SEX ABUSE SURVIVORS

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NEW YORK – State Senator Brad Hoylman (D, WF-Manhattan), prime sponsor of the Child Victims Act, released the following statement today in response to reports that Governor Cuomo will include in his forthcoming 2017 policy agenda a plan to support survivors of childhood sexual abuse by reforming New York State’s outdated statutes of limitations:

“I’m heartened at the news that Governor Cuomo plans to introduce a version of the legislation I carry in the State Senate to finally give the survivors of child sexual abuse their day in court. For too long, New York’s statutes of limitations for crimes of child sexual abuse have been the most restrictive in the entire nation. New York now promises to take a monumental step forward by permitting survivors more time to file cases beyond the age of 23, giving current survivors a one-year period to revive civil claims, and treating private and public institutions equally.

“This will be a vote of conscience. It’s imperative that Senate Republicans bring this legislation to the floor and once and for all provide justice for the survivors of child sexual abuse. There’s nothing more important than seeing justice done, especially for our kids.”

Senator Hoylman is the prime sponsor of the Child Victims Act, along with Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. At a rally last week outside the Senate chambers, Senator Hoylman along with advocates and colleagues reintroduced the legislation, calling for immediate passage.