



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senator Elaine Phillips

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Later today, Governor Cuomo will hold a ceremonial bill signing for my legislation requiring the removal of firearms from individuals convicted of domestic violence. While I am unable to attend the event due to legislative session in Albany, I am confident this common-sense legislation, which closes the gap in federal law, will protect women, men and children from their abusers and prevent further tragedies.

Domestic violence victims are five times more likely to be killed when their abuser owns a firearm. By keeping firearms out of the hands of those who are convicted of domestic violence, we are protecting victims who are known to be at risk and will undoubtedly save

numerous lives.

This measure also gives our state's court system better guidelines and provides for both the surrender of firearms upon a domestic violence crime and a provision to return the firearms if the order of protection is lifted.