

PASS THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT

To: Governor Andrew Cuomo and Legislative Members

From: The Coalition for Statute Of Limitation Reform

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Re: Child Victims Act

We, the undersigned individuals and groups, write to urge your immediate support for and passage of the Child Victims Act.

A new law must contain these essential components:

- **Prospectively eliminates the statute of limitations entirely for survivors of childhood sexual abuse seeking civil proceedings**
- **Prospectively eliminates the statute of limitations entirely for survivors of childhood sexual abuse seeking criminal charges**
- **Creates a one-year retrospective window to allow adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse to seek civil damages**
- **Eliminates the 90-day notice of claim for bringing civil litigation against public institutions**

It is unconscionable that abusers continue to escape justice due to New York's antiquated and overly rigid statute of limitation laws. Far too many abusers have never had to answer for their heinous crimes committed against children.

New York currently ranks as one of the four WORST states in the nation in this area of law. We are not asking for radical change. We are simply asking our state to catch up to the rest of the country.

We urge the New York State Legislature to stand up for children and pass long-overdue statute of limitation reform without further delay.

Signed,

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