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Empire Justice Center Applauds Governor Cuomo’s Support for Domestic Violence Victims by Making the Victim’s Right Notice Accurate, Accessible, and Reliable

Empire Justice Center applauds Governor Cuomo signing A739/S6158 into law, which will provide critical information to domestic violence victims about their rights and options through the Victim’s Rights Notice. The measure passed both chambers with overwhelming support under the leadership of Assembly Member Helene Weinstein and Senator John Liu.

The new law will provide easy to understand, comprehensive, and necessary information about victims’ rights as they plan for safety, including information that can prevent abusers from possessing a firearm, information about arrest, access to family courts, and protections for pets and service animals.

In addition, this important legislation will require the Victim’s Rights Notice to be written and translated in an easily accessible way, in languages most commonly spoken in New York State.

“This law is so important for domestic violence victims. The Victim’s Rights Notice is the most widely used informational document provided to domestic violence victims in New York State. Having it written in a plain and accessible way, with accurate and up-to-date information is critical for safety and planning for victims. Empire Justice Center is proud to be part of the effort supporting domestic violence victims and their families,” said Amy Schwartz-Wallace, Senior Attorney at Empire Justice Center.

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