



***WE SUPPORT: Full and fair enforcement of the new Megan's Law requirements passed as A.06537 and S.2945. We further encourage legislators to pass A.1136 to prevent sex offenders from submitting fraudulent information regarding their identity or residence.***

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**We thank the Senate and Assembly for passing tighter registration requirements under Megan's Law.** We also applaud their efforts in reaching agreement on a compromise bill for Governor Pataki to sign. The new legislation helps our communities and law enforcement agencies to better monitor those who pose a threat to our children's safety.

The neighbor who lured Megan Nicole Kanka, age 7, into his home with promises of a puppy only to then brutally rape and murder her was himself a twice-convicted pedophile. The outrage against her tragic death in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, prompted legislatures in all 50 states to enact some form of Megan's Law, facilitating the public's access to information about serious sex offenders who move into their neighborhoods.

While we are hopeful that the new legislation will improve our children's safety, we respectfully submit that work remains to be done.

Some sex offenders, eager to illegally maintain their anonymity, may try to skirt the registration requirement. **Assembly bill A.1136 adds a new penalty to Megan's Law for offering false information when registering as a sex offender.**

The correction law would be amended to add a new section specifying that false information submission is a class E felony, instead of the current class A misdemeanor. The stricter penalty reflects the serious nature of trying to avoid Megan's Law requirements.

More than 14,000 convicted sex offenders are registered in New York State. They were about four times more likely than non-sex offenders to be arrested for another sex crime after their discharge from prison—5.3 percent of sex offenders versus 1.3 percent of non-sex offenders.

On behalf of the over 7,000 women represented by the 19 Junior Leagues of New York, we commend our legislators on the new Megan's Law requirements and urge their support for A.1136.

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