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## Statement on Gov. Cuomo's Approval and Signature of Maternal Depression Legislation

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Sen. Krueger issued the following statement upon Gov. Cuomo's signature of legislation she and Assembly Health Chair Richard Gottfried passed to increase screening, diagnosis, treatment, and awareness of maternal depression disorders (S.7234B):

"Many new parents and families aren't aware of just how common maternal depression is, and too often cases go untreated with new mothers and families needlessly suffering," said Senator Liz Krueger. "This bill will spur greater awareness, early detection, and treatment of maternal depression. Governor Cuomo has my deepest thanks for signing this important legislation today."

"In addition, I'd like to thank the many healthcare professionals and patient advocates who worked with me to craft this legislation, including the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the Postpartum Resource Center of New York, Paige Bellenbaum, and the family of Cindy Wachenheim," said Sen. Krueger.

Please [click here](#) to read the full press release announcing the signing of New York's maternal depression bill.