



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Push for Passage of Entire Women's Equality Act

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On May 20, I joined advocates and members of the Senate Democratic Conference to urge the passage of the entire, ten-point Women's Equality Act (WEA), which comprehensively addresses the disparities that exist for women across New York State. Despite being passed twice in the State Assembly, the full Women's Equality Act has not even been brought before the Senate for a vote. Just last week, the Senate held its annual "Women of Distinction" ceremony to honor women from across our state for their tremendous contributions to our communities, yet New York's women continue to face gender-based discrimination and inequality. It's up to the State Senate leadership to get serious about gender equity and bring the full Women's Equality Act – including the crucial tenth provision that would codify the reproductive health protections won by women more than 40 years ago in *Roe v. Wade* – to the Senate floor.