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New York State Senate Passes Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program

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On Wednesday, the New York State Senate passed the Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program.

I am extraordinarily proud that today the Legislature—and in particular the Senate under the steadfast leadership of Andrea Stewart-Cousins—once again demonstrate that effective, compassionate reproductive health care is an essential human right!

With passage of the Reproductive Freedom and Equity Program, and a whole package of bills to complement it—we ensure that New York will continue to be a beacon and safe haven for all those who need empowering access to health care procedures that are now banned or severely restricted in eighteen states.

I want to commend the advocates for your energy and presence here today—all of your efforts have made a difference; your many decades of dedication and your unparalleled mobilization over the past year have been an inspiration; more importantly you have helped us change the laws in New York for the better!

We will continue to count on you, and I know you will continue to be there for us, and for all women.