

Advocacy Toolkit – Survivors Justice Act

Information from New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence

The Assembly Judiciary Committee voted to move the Survivors Justice Act forward. Senate companion bills S4870 and S4871 were also introduced by Senator McKnight and Senator Ruiz—an important milestone for survivors. We are one step closer to getting the act passed.

What You Can Do:

Call members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee to urge them to support the Survivors Justice Act (A5968/S4870 and A5959/S4871). You can find Assembly Appropriations members' contact info here: <https://loom.ly/XgLI0cs>, and Senate Judiciary Committee members' contact info here: https://loom.ly/0-_W_kY.

Help us get Survivors Justice Act passed this session!

Thank you for your advocacy!

Sample Script Templates:

Calling your Assembly Members

My name is **[your name]**, and I am a constituent of **[your district and, if you are affiliated with a domestic violence or sexual assault program, the name of your program]**. I am calling today to urge Assemblyman/Assemblywoman **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]** to support A5968 which establishes a new mitigating factor, reduced sentencing, and resentencing for certain defendants who are victims of abuse.

[Tell your Assemblyperson why this bill is important to your program and the survivors you serve; share your story.] To meet the needs of survivors and communities, I urge Assemblyman/Assemblywoman **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]** to support A5968.

Will Assemblyman/Assemblywoman **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]** commit to doing so?

Thank you!

E-mailing your Assembly Members

Dear **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]**,

My name is **[your name]**, and I am a constituent of **[your district and, if you are affiliated with a domestic violence or sexual assault program, the name of your program]**. I am calling today to urge Senator or Assemblyman/Assemblywoman **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]** to support A5968 which establishes a new mitigating factor, reduced sentencing, and resentencing for certain defendants who are victims of abuse.

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Assemblyman/Assemblywoman **[Assemblyman/Assemblywoman's name]**, can we count on you?

Thank you,

[Your Name]