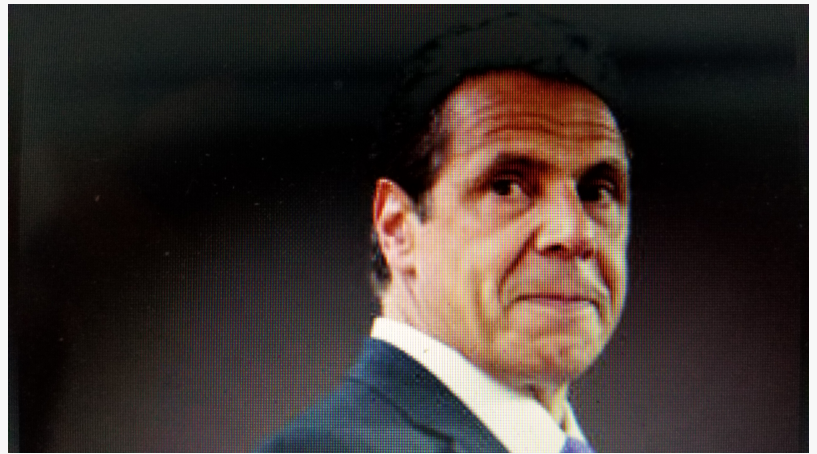


Cuomo Denies Disabled Basic Protections & Equal Access to 911 Medical & Police Services

Emergency Legislation Must be Passed Now to Ensure Equal Rights & Protect 1,000,000 New Yorkers with Disabilities

ALBANY, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, June 19, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Governor Andrew Cuomo](#) has failed to protect and ensure the equal rights of our most vulnerable. No longer can people with disabilities be denied equal access to 911 medical & police services and assistance. The 911 Civil Rights Bill S4736D/A6830C will end decades of discrimination and finally provide swift emergency assistance and save countless lives.



Gov. Cuomo has looked the other way for years as many extremely vulnerable people die because staff did not call 911

Cameras are in place everywhere to deter crimes and to catch criminals, yet Governor Cuomo has failed to take these basic steps to protect our most vulnerable. S5089/A10845 ensures that cameras will finally be installed in facilities caring for people with disabilities.

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Michael Carey - Advocate for people with disabilities and their families

The [New York Times](#) exposed systemic rampant abuse and neglect through their “Abused and Used” investigative reporting series and these two basic steps to save lives, prevent sexual assaults, and catch [sexual predators](#) have not been put in place yet, the question is why has Governor Cuomo looked the other way?

<http://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/interactive/nyregion/abused-and-used-series-page.html>

The recent tragic death of 34 year old Christopher Blair in a State facility as reported in the New York Times occurred because he was denied 911 emergency medical assistance. Christopher’s preventable death should catapult the 911 Civil

Rights Bill to passage.

<https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2018/06/08/us/ap-us-protecting-the-disabled.html>

New York State Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie must ensure that both the 911 Civil Rights Bill & Camera Bill, which have massive bi-partisan support, are

swiftly brought to the floor for a vote. New York State's legislative leaders must do what is right now because Governor Cuomo abandoned people with disabilities.

Currently, approximately 7,800 calls are reported to the State abuse hotline every month and between 11-13 deaths on average every day. Emergency reform bills are ready to go that will dramatically reduce crimes and deaths. Staff not calling 911 regarding medical emergencies is the number one known reason for what are being called "untimely" deaths, but in most cases these are negligent and preventable deaths. It is an outrageous injustice to sit by and do nothing as so many women and children are victims of sexual assault or rape by State and private caregivers. Almost all reported sexual assault and rape cases are being kept by the State from local police and county elected District Attorney's and the sexual predators are protected from prosecution.

These vital reform bills will get these crimes to the rightful authorities and provide the tools to prosecute the Larry Nassar's within the system that are preying on and victimizing our most vulnerable. Thousands of sexual assaults are occurring annually within New York State's extremely dangerous mental health care system.

The New York Times Editorial Board called on Governor Cuomo to bring these basic safety reforms over four and a half years ago, but they were ignored.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/10/opinion/protecting-the-most-vulnerable.html>

Now is the time that the New York State legislature must act and take the responsibility to end the unequal treatment of denying people with disabilities 911 first responder services. Now is the time to put in place the strongest tools to prevent crimes and to be able to prosecute people that harm the disabled.

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