



Unborn Victims of Violence Act Support Statement (S.4347/A.1673)

Feminists Choosing Life of New York (FCLNY) supports The Unborn Victims of Violence Act because:

- It corrects a significant loophole in NYS penal law that does not recognize an unborn child as a possible victim of assault or homicide. (Section 1, 1-8)
- It allows a criminal offender to be held responsible for the assault or death of an unborn child at any stage of gestation.(Section 2, 24-26)
- It offers additional protection to women during pregnancy. Current statistics show that domestic abuse and violence against women increase at this time. (Section 1, 13-15)
- Assaults on pregnant women are often committed by intimate partners who do not want them to continue a pregnancy; in essence, the assault is an attempted coerced abortion.
- FCLNY believes that NYS should give equal support to women who choose to carry their pregnancies to term as it does to women who choose to end their pregnancies.
- NYS law lags behind 31 other states that now provide protection and justice for pregnant women and their unborn children who are victims of violence or homicide. (Section1, 10-11)

FCLNY strongly supports the passage of Unborn Victims of Violence Act in New York. Current penal law denies the existence and the humanity of the unborn child and reduces his/her violent assault or death to that of a serious physical injury incurred by the mother. This current definition is an insult to pregnant women who have chosen to carry their pregnancies to term and an injustice to families who loss an unborn child to an act of violence against the mother.

Unborn Victims of Violence Act leaves current abortion laws unchanged. (Section1, 2.4-8)

FCLNY urges representative to say yes to a woman's choice to carry her pregnancy to term. Vote YES to UVV