

# NEW NY STATE ABUSE BILL



Bill Donohue comments on a bill that will soon be introduced in Albany that will eliminate the statute of limitations for sexual abuse crimes against minors:

On April 1, I issued a news release that was critical of New York State Senator Brad Hoylman for sponsoring a bill that would exclude public institutions from legislation eliminating the statute of limitations for sexual abuse crimes.

I now commend him for pivoting. According to an exclusive by Ken Lovett of the *Daily News* (he has covered this issue better than anyone), Hoylman, and State Senator Andrea-Stewart Cousins, will submit a bill that covers all institutions equally, whether public or private. That is how it should be: justice demands that young victims of sex crimes be treated equally, independent of the venue of the offense.

As someone who has written two books on civil liberties, I am well aware of the solid legal grounds upon which the statute of limitations has been crafted, and I support them. But as president of the Catholic League, I have a different charge: our goal is to fight defamation and discrimination against Catholics and the Catholic Church. That is why I commend Senator Hoylman and Senator Cousins for their initiative.

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