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Democratic Majority Elected to NYS Senate *A Fresh Start for Pro-Woman and Pro-Girl Legislation*

New York, NY—After more than forty-years of Republican reign, Democrats have taken the majority, winning at least 32 of the 62 seats. NOW-NYC President, Sonia Ossorio acknowledges, “This has the potential to be a bonanza for women’s rights.”

“Advocates for women and equal rights in New York State have always found a common point of commiseration at the end of every New York State legislative session, and that is the many pieces of legislation that ended up in the shredder,” said Ossorio. “The possibilities for implementing lasting change for the women and girls of New York have expanded. We have our work cut out for us to take on a pro-active role.”

The change in leadership will make a difference in advancing laws that protect women’s reproductive health, improve access to sex education in schools, help women and children who are victims of violence or discrimination, and promote equality for LGBT New Yorkers.

The National Organization for Women is the nation’s largest organization working to advance women’s rights and improve women’s lives. The New York City Chapter of NOW, founded in 1966, is one of the largest chapters in the country with over 5,000 members locally and 35,000 statewide. NOW-NYC works to protect women’s reproductive choices, end violence against women and eliminate sex discrimination in our schools, workplaces, and the justice system in New York.

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