

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



WILLIAM J. LINDSAY, PRESIDING OFFICER

April 1, 2009

*Governor David Paterson
Executive Chambers
New York Capitol
Albany, NY 12224*

Dear Governor Paterson:

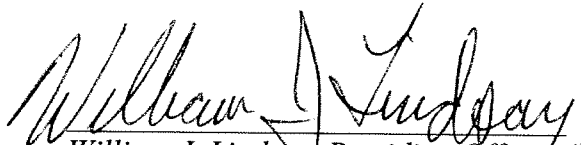
As members of the Suffolk County Legislature, we strongly urge you to support "Jilly's Law" (Senate bill 1401 and Assembly bill 3035), a law that would provide much-needed additional protection for victims of domestic violence.


As you are well aware, currently a judge can consider only flight risk when setting bail. Jilly's Law - named after Jill Cahill, who was murdered in her hospital bed by her husband - would expand the bail criteria in domestic violence cases to include violations of court orders, history of threats, violence against a victim, orders of protection previously held against the individual and the violent nature of the alleged crime.


This change would give judges the authority to provide the protection that victims of domestic violence need and deserve. The Suffolk County Legislature urges your unequivocal support of this legislation, and urges you to adopt these two bills as soon as possible. We can't delay in better insuring the safety of victims of domestic violence.

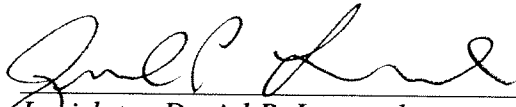
Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


William J. Lindsay, Presiding Officer
LD #8

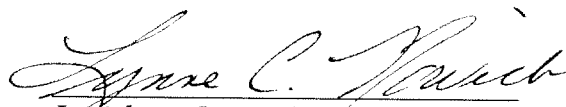

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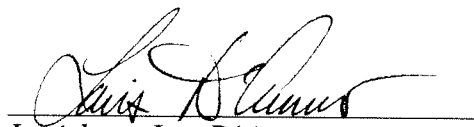

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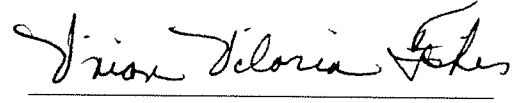

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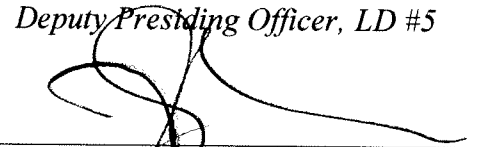

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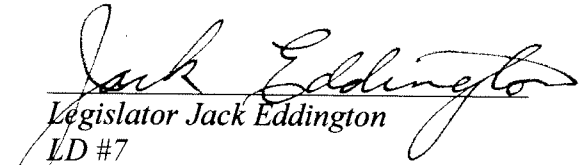

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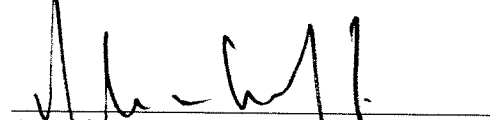

Vivian Vilorio-Fisher
Deputy Presiding Officer, LD #5

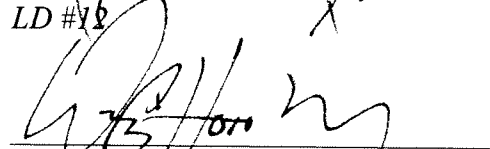

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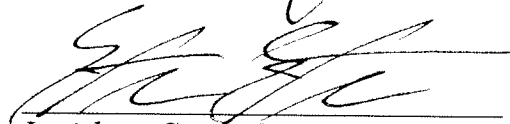

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