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Memorandum in Support of S. 5376-A

An Act to amend the social services law, in relation to the tracking and reporting of elder abuse

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 5376, legislation to authorize the Office of Children and Family Services, in cooperation with the New York State Office for the Aging, to track and report on the incidence of elder abuse.

This legislation authorizes the collection of data and sharing of reports on incidences of elder abuse. The gathering and inter-departmental sharing of data and analysis of such data to reduce the incidence of elder abuse is important to the safety and security of seniors.

This legislation stresses inter-agency reporting and the sharing of information and analysis of the data collected. It is important that the information is shared and services to victims are referred by all agencies affiliated with seniors.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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