



Talking Points: ‘No Condoms as Evidence’ Bill! Contacting Your Representatives

- 1) **Find your State Senator and Assembly Member.** Go to <http://prototype.nytimes.com/represent>.
 - a. **Are they on the Codes Committee?** Click for members in the [Senate](#) and the [Assembly](#).
 - b. **Are they a Sponsor of the bill?** Click for sponsors in [Senate](#) and [Assembly](#).
- 2) **Call their Albany office.** Ask to speak with someone about Bill A10893/S01289A, concerning use of condoms as evidence.
- 3) **Tell the staff-member your name, what organization you represent, and if you live or work in the district.**
- 4) **If your Senator or Assembly Member is a sponsor of Bill A10893/S01289A,** thank them for their support and let them know why this matters to you, your organization or community.
- 5) **If your Senator or Assembly Member is NOT a sponsor or supporter of the bill,** tell the staff-member you are calling to ask the Senator to vote YES on Bill A10893/S01289A in the Codes Committee or on the Floor.

TALKING POINTS

- Explain that the bill will prevent the use of condoms as evidence of prostitution in criminal and civil court.
- The bill promotes public health by making sure everyone can carry condoms without worrying it could lead to arrest or conviction.
- Condoms are regularly confiscated by police, leading to higher risk for pregnancy, HIV, and STD’s among vulnerable populations. Sex workers fear arrest if they carry over a certain number of condoms.
- This impacts public health initiatives promoting condom use and distributing condoms to at-risk populations.
- This bill has a broad list of supporters, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Anti-Violence Project, NYCLU, the LGBT Center, and many other public health organizations.
- Tell your representative why this matters to you, your organization or community.
- **End by asking the Senator to vote YES on Bill A10893/S01289A in the Codes Committee or on the Floor.**