



The Honorable Ras J. Baraka

Mayor, City of Newark

City Hall — 920 Broad Street

Newark, NJ 07102

RE: PUBLIC CALL TO ACTION — Sponsoring a Newark City Resolution Endorsing Federal H.R. 2920 and Statewide Statute of Limitations Reform

Dear Mayor Baraka,

Newark has long been a beacon of unapologetic advocacy, historic civil rights leadership, and systemic progress. When state and federal systems fail our most vulnerable constituents, Newark does not wait quietly—it leads.

On **December 2nd, 2025**, I stood before the Newark City Council to officially enter into the public record my testimony regarding my personal experiences with rape, trauma, and human trafficking. I shared a crucial truth that clinical science confirms but our legal system continuously ignores: **trauma delays disclosure**.

In our most under-resourced and impoverished neighborhoods, survivors face compounded barriers—economic survival, lack of legal counsel, and systemic neglect. When arbitrary criminal and civil statutes of limitations expire, perpetrators are granted legal immunity while survivors are left to carry the emotional and financial burden alone.

Legal deadlines should never protect perpetrators at the expense of constituents.

(Scan the QR code above or visit the timestamped [link](#) to view the 3-minute official record testimony from the December 2nd meeting).

Today, I am calling on your administration to turn this public record into actionable, historic policy by **publicly and loudly** leading the charge for survivor justice across New Jersey.

THE LEGISLATIVE REQUEST:

I respectfully request that your office collaborate with the Newark Municipal Council to draft, introduce, and publicly pass a formal **City of Newark Municipal Resolution** that:

1. **Officially Endorses Federal H.R. 5560 (The Statutes of Limitation for Child Sexual Abuse Reform Act):** Formally calls on the United States Congress to pass **H.R. 5560** (reintroduced from H.R. 2920 in the 119th Congress), eliminating restrictive federal and state time bars for child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
2. **Urges Statewide Legislative Reform in Trenton:** Demands that New Jersey state lawmakers eliminate civil and criminal statutes of limitations for adult disclosures of past trafficking, sexual assault, and severe trauma.
3. **Establishes Newark as a Statewide Leader in Survivor Equity:** Signals clearly to lawmakers across New Jersey that our city stands firmly with survivors, regardless of their income, background, or how many years it took them to process their trauma.

This is not a moment for quiet consensus; it is a moment for visible, courageous leadership. By championing this resolution publicly, you will send an unmistakable message to every constituent in Newark and every legislator in Trenton: **justice has no expiration date in our community.**

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you, your policy advisors, or the administration's legislative director to review sample resolution language and discuss how we can move this forward together.

Respectfully and in solidarity,

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