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SURVIVOR ADVOCATE ISSUES PUBLIC CALL TO MAYOR RAS J. BARAKA FOR HISTORIC NEWARK RESOLUTION ON H.R. 5560 AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REFORM

Open Letter Demands Public Leadership from New Jersey's Largest City to Support Reintroduced Federal Legislation (H.R. 5560) Eliminating Legal Time Limits for Survivors of Human Trafficking, Rape, and Severe Trauma.

NEWARK, NJ — August 8th, 2026— Today, strategic operations leader and survivor advocate Mildred Ramos issued an open letter to Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka, demanding that the City of Newark publicly lead the charge for survivor equity by sponsoring a formal Municipal Council Resolution in support of newly reintroduced federal bill **H.R. 5560 (Statutes of Limitation for Child Sexual Abuse Reform Act)** and statewide legal reform.

The formal request follows Ramos's December 2nd official record testimony before the Newark City Council, where she shared her personal experience as a survivor of human trafficking, rape, and severe trauma. In her testimony, Ramos highlighted a critical systemic gap: *rigid statutes of limitations inadvertently grant legal immunity to perpetrators while punishing survivors whose trauma delays disclosure.*

Originally introduced in the 118th Congress as H.R. 2920, the bipartisan federal legislation has been officially reintroduced in the **119th Congress as H.R. 5560**, led by Rep. Suhas Subramanyam and Rep. María Elvira Salazar. The bill amends the *Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)* to incentivize states with federal grant funding to eliminate civil and criminal statutes of limitations and open look-back revival windows for survivors.

The open letter explicitly calls on Mayor Baraka and the Newark Municipal Council to take visible, decisive action by enacting a Resolution that:

1. **Endorses Federal H.R. 5560:** Formally urges the U.S. Congress to pass H.R. 5560, providing federal incentives for states that eliminate civil and criminal time bars for child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
2. **Demands Action in Trenton:** Calls on New Jersey state lawmakers to modernize state laws by removing time bars and opening look-back revival windows for adult disclosures of past severe trauma.
3. **Pioneers Municipal Equity:** Establishes Newark as a statewide beacon for survivor equity, particularly for low-income constituents who face compounded barriers to reporting abuse.

"Statutes of limitations protect perpetrators, not victims," said Mildred Ramos, Strategic Operations Leader and Survivor Advocate. "In underserved communities, survivors are fighting for basic survival; they are often threatened into silence or take decades to process severe trauma. When court deadlines expire, justice gets cut off. With H.R. 5560 active in the 119th Congress, Newark has an extraordinary opportunity to lead from the front. We are calling on Mayor Baraka to stand up publicly and loudly to ensure no survivor's path to justice is cut short by an arbitrary legal deadline."

The open letter includes a timestamped QR code directing city leaders, media, and the public to the official December 2nd Newark City Council recording.

Ramos is inviting city officials, legislative leaders from New Jersey and New York, and community advocacy organizations to unite behind H.R. 5560 and local reform to ensure survivor protections reflect clinical trauma science and economic equity.

About Mildred Ramos

Mildred Ramos is a strategic operations leader, author, and survivor advocate based in New Jersey. With over 20 years of experience in organizational management and public advocacy, she works to bridge the gap between lived survivor experience, community equity, and actionable policy reform.

Media Resources & Official Record

- [Watch Official Testimony](#)
- [Track H.R. 5560 on congress.gov](#)
- [View Open Letter](#)

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