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****Media Advisory for Tuesday, March 9, at 01:30 pm****

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Tallahassee, FL - Senator Lori Berman (D- Boynton Beach) and Representative Robin Bartleman (D- Weston) and will be holding a press conference on their bills, [House Bill 767](#) and [Senate Bill 1044](#): Victims of Crimes of Sexual Violence or Sexual Exploitation.

SB 767/HB 1044 is intended to protect the anonymity of victims of sexual violence by requiring anyone who seeks to disclose the identity of the victim to first obtain their explicit written consent. Once a sexual assault victim finds his or her strength to report the crime, it is imperative that the State does its part to protect the victim. They should not be re-traumatized and threatened with public exposure for reporting a crime of this nature. This oversight has been weaponized by individuals to dissuade victims from seeking justice for fear of personal backlash and retaliation. If passed, this legislation will empower victims of sexual assault to come forward with a lesser fear of the stigmas and repercussions.

Who: -Senator Lori Berman & Representative Robin Bartleman

- Attorney and Survivor Michael Dolce
- Theresa Prichard, Associate Director and General Council, FCASV
- Survivor Karen Dearden, telling her personal story as to why this legislation would have helped her and future survivors of sexual violence.

What: Press Conference on Victims of Crimes of Sexual Violence or Sexual Exploitation

When: Tuesday, March 9 at 01:30 pm

Where: Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97799371130>

Meeting ID: 977 9937 1130