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## **Child Marriage Legislation Sample Support Letter**

**Sample Subject:** End Child Marriage in New York: Pass A8447/S7931

### **Sample Text:**

Dear [Legislator Title & Name],

I am writing to urge you to pass A8447/S7931, which would end all child marriage in New York, without exception. These bills eliminate exceptions to the marriage age, and reserve marriage, a serious legal contract, for those who have reached the age of majority.

While the current minimum marriage age in New York is 18, the law includes a troubling exception; children aged 17 are able to wed with parental consent. 17-year-olds are the most at risk of child marriage and are not immune to the harms that are associated with marrying prior to the age of majority.

Child marriage severely jeopardizes outcomes in health, education, and economic freedom. It also increases the risk of domestic violence.

I therefore urge you to support the passage of A8447/S7931 without delay.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,