

The Safer New York Act seeks to improve police accountability and transparency across New York State. The #SaferNYAct package is comprised of the following bills:

- **End Police Secrecy – Repeal 50-a (A2513-O’Donnell/S3695-Bailey)**
New York is arguably the worst in the nation in terms of hiding police misconduct and discipline due to the application and expansion of 50-a in recent years. 50-a is a NYS statute that carves out unnecessary & harmful secrecy for police, fire and corrections. 50-a is routinely used to shield police misconduct and failed police disciplinary processes from public view. A repeal of 50-a would provide much needed transparency on police misconduct and discipline in New York State, and help address the systemic lack of accountability for officers who engage in misconduct. Other existing FOIL statutes will continue to protect private information about officers (like their home address) once 50-a is repealed.
- **The Police Statistics & Transparency (STAT) Act (A5472A-Lentol/S1830B-Hoylman)**
This legislation would require police departments across the state to record & report demographic and geographic data on enforcement of low-level offenses (including violations and misdemeanors) to improve transparency of policing activities across the state. This bill also requires comprehensive public reporting of deaths in police custody. The common-sense provisions of the Police STAT Act were part of recommendations issued by former President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing.
- **Special Prosecutor Legislation to strengthen and codify Executive Order 147 (A1601A-Perry/S2574A-Bailey)**
This legislation authorizes the Attorney General’s office with jurisdiction in all cases of police killings and deaths in police custody, strengthening and memorializing EO147. The bill, if enacted, would help to ensure fair and thorough investigations and – when warranted – effective prosecutions in tragic incidents that the criminal justice system has historically failed to address.
- **End Marijuana Prohibition and Invest in Communities - Marijuana Taxation and Regulation Act (A1617B-Peoples-Stokes/S1527B-Krueger)**
The MRTA will legalize marijuana & remove it from consideration under the Controlled Substances Act. This bill will authorize the personal use and cultivation of marijuana. The enforcement of marijuana prohibition has been used to target and criminalize communities of color in New York State. The MRTA will help address the discriminatory enforcement of marijuana prohibition statutes and will ensure that there is reinvestment in the communities most impacted by the war on drugs.
- **Reduce unnecessary arrests for non-criminal offenses (A4053-Aubry/S2571-Bailey)**
This legislation will help end harmful and needless arrests for violations, which are minor, non-criminal, ticketable offenses. Arrests for violations disproportionately impact communities of color, carry significant social & public costs to taxpayers, and can jeopardize employment opportunities, immigration status, and access to health, housing, and other programs for those subjected to these unnecessary arrests. By making the law enforcement action commensurate with the offense, this legislation can help reduce financial resources spent on minor infractions, and increase resources available for meaningful safety measures for all New Yorkers.

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The following organizations endorse the Safer NY Act & are part of the #SaferNYAct coalition

(list in formation, as of 2-4-2020)

Communities United for Police Reform
1199 SEIU Healthcare Workers East
Ali Forney Center
Alliance for Educational Justice
Alliance for Quality Education
Arab American Association of New York
Arc of Justice
Association of Legal Aid Attorneys/UAW Local 2325 (AFL- CIO)
Audre Lorde Project
Bill of Rights Defense Committee
The Black Institute
Brandworkers
Bronx Defenders
Bronx Freedom Fund
Brooklyn Anti-Gentrification Network
Brooklyn Defender Services
Brooklyn Movement Center
Brooklyn NAACP
Brotherhood/Sister Sol
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Popular Democracy
Citizen Action of New York
Clergy Campaign for Social & Economic Justice
Coalition for Educational Justice
Color of Change
Columbia County Sanctuary Movement
Community Voices Heard
Damayan Migrant Workers Association
Defending Rights & Dissent
Desis Rising Up and Moving
Destination Tomorrow
Drug Policy Alliance
Enough is Enough Rochester
Equality for Flatbush
Faith in New York
Families for Freedom
FIERCE
Gathering for Justice / Justice League NYC
Girls for Gender Equity
Global Action Project
Harm Reduction Coalition
Hetrick-Martin Institute
Immigrant Defense Project
Jewish Voice for Peace
Jews for Racial and Economic Justice
Justice Committee

JustLeadershipUSA
Kairos Center for Religions, Rights & Social Justice
Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice
Latino Justice PRLDEF
Law Enforcement Action Partnership
Law@theMargins
Legal Action Center
Legal Aid Society
LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent
Long Island Progressive Coalition
Make the Road NY
Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
Marijuana Arrests Research Project
Metropolitan Community Church of New York
Million Hoodies
MinKwon Center for Community Action
MomsRising
MPower Action
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
NAACP New York State Conference
National Domestic Workers Alliance
National Pan Hellenic Council of Greater New York, Inc
New Kings Democrats
New York City Anti-Violence Project
New York Civil Liberties Union
New York Communities for Change
New York County Defender Services
New York Immigration Coalition
New York Metro Area Postal Union
New York Working Families
North Star Fund
Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights
NYC Democratic Socialists of America
Parole Preparation Project
Picture the Homeless
Policing and Social Justice Project at Brooklyn College
Public Science Project
Release Aging People in Prison

Rise Up Kingston
Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
Rockaway Youth Task Force
Rockland United
S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, Inc.
Showing Up for Racial Justice
South Asian Fund For Education, Scholarship and Training (SAFEST)
St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction
Street Vendor Project of the Urban Justice Center
T'ruah: the Rabbinic Call for Human Rights
Take On Hate
TakeRoot Justice
Tarab NYC
Transgender Law Center
Trinity Lutheran Church
UPROSE
VOCAL-NY
War Resisters League
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