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The *New York Times* rejected Speaker Mark-Viverito's agreement, saying her "defense of the deal is unpersuasive." The agreement removes the meaningful reforms and accountability of the Right To Know Act, which the *Times* urged the Council to pass into law.

Key Accountability Reforms	Right to Know Act	Agreement
<p><b>Backed by rule of law:</b> court order can compel NYPD compliance if not followed, with required data reporting to allow public &amp; Council to provide credible <u>oversight with evidence</u>.</p>		
<p><b>Requires NYPD to identify and explain reason for encounter in ALL non-emergency pedestrian stops, vehicle stops, checkpoints, searches, contact with potential crime victims &amp; witnesses.</b></p> <p><i>The agreement guts requirement for officers to ID in all of the above but two: checkpoints and consent searches.</i></p>	 <b>Obama Task Force Endorsed</b>	
<p><b>Explicitly requires plainclothes officers who are not undercover to identify themselves.</b></p> <p><i>Plainclothes officers who refuse to ID themselves are engaged in many abusive policing encounters (i.e. USPS Worker Glen Grays, James Blake)</i></p>		
<p><b>Requires NYPD to provide contact information for CCRB on business card so civilians can report comments or complaints.</b></p>	 <b>Obama Task Force Endorsed</b>	
<p><b>Guarantees notification of the right to refuse consent to a search without legal basis and objective proof of person's informed consent.</b></p> <p><i>The agreement maintains status quo, continuing coercive and deceptive searches, and "word of civilian" vs. "word of officer" in disputes.</i></p>	 <b>Obama Task Force Endorsed</b>	

\*Obama Task Force = policy provisions endorsed by the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.