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***Statement On NYPD Proposal To Amend DNA Collection,  
Storage Practices***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – Terri Rosenblatt, Supervising Attorney of the DNA Unit at The Legal Aid Society,** issued the following statement in response to a proposal announced today by the New York City Police Department (NYPD) concerning the City’s DNA collection and storage practices:

“The NYPD’s weak and cynical proposal does nothing to protect New Yorkers from genetic stop and frisk. Under their plan, surreptitious DNA sampling and DNA dragnets from people who haven’t been convicted of any crime will still run rampant. Their vague suggestion that they will agree to expunge some samples provides little comfort to our clients -including kids as young as 12- who are among the tens of thousands of people in the OCME index now or may be in the future. Our lawmakers should step in with real control and oversight of the NYPD and act to ban unlawful and unregulated DNA collection. All New Yorkers should reject anything less.”

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