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Legal Aid Statement on Increased Policing of Homeless New Yorkers on the Subway

(NEW YORK, NY) – Joshua Goldfein, Staff Attorney in the Homeless Rights Project at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement today in response to reporting in *Gothamist* of increased policing of homeless New Yorkers on the subway:

“Once again, this is an unproductive approach by Mayor de Blasio, Governor Cuomo, and the MTA to tackle the homelessness crisis on the subway. Amid the public health pandemic, we should be focusing on creating more housing for those who need it, not increasing NYPD policing. Where are people experiencing homelessness supposed to go after being removed from the subway if they don’t have shelter to go to, or that shelter will not allow them to be safe? This new plan is counter-productive to say the least, and we urge the MTA to change its policy.”

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