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As Lawmakers Conference Police Secrecy Law 50-a, Legal Aid Urges Full Repeal

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement in response to [reporting](#) that Albany lawmakers will meet later today to conference Police Secrecy Law 50-a:

“The steady stream of videos showing NYPD officers brutalizing protestors over the weekend, on top of years of increasing police secrecy under Mayor Bill de Blasio, provides more reason why lawmakers must fully repeal Police Secrecy Law 50-a without delay. Albany has failed New Yorkers by moving in the wrong direction this year - rolling back historic bail and discovery reforms and failing to take up any measures to reform policing. If New York is to live up to its progressive ideals, the Legislature must swiftly take action to fully repeal 50-a.”

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