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Statement In Response To Reporting That NYS Legislature Will Debate Police Secrecy Law 50-A Next Week

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement in response to reports that the New York State Legislature will debate Police Secrecy Law 50-a next week:

"Lawmakers need to hear this message loud and clear: anything short of full repeal of Police Secrecy Law 50-a will be a slap in the face to the movement demanding solutions to the epidemic of police misconduct. Governor Cuomo and the Legislature have acknowledged how 50-a feeds a culture of impunity and stands as a barrier to transparency and justice.

Just last night, more videos surfaced on social media of NYPD brutalizing protestors. Because of the current law, we will never know if these officers faced any discipline for their actions, or if they are among the ranks of officers who have been allowed to continue in their positions of power despite a longstanding record of wrongdoing. Albany must fully repeal Police Secrecy Law 50-a at once."

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