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As More Videos Surface On Social Media Of NYPD Brutality, Legal Aid Demands Full Repeal Of Police Secrecy Law 50-A

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society, in response to more shocking videos on social media of New York City Police Department (NYPD) brutalizing protesters, called on Albany to immediately repeal Police Secrecy Law 50-a:

“Video after video shows NYPD officers using fists, batons and pepper spray to assault peaceful protesters. And, because the current legal landscape provides no meaningful checks on police behavior, these officers can continue to return to the streets night after night without consequences.

With 50-a fully repealed, New Yorkers would have the opportunity to challenge the culture of impunity that allows patterns of violence to continue. Without this level of accountability and public oversight, officers will always remain above the law. The Legal Aid Society calls on Albany lawmakers to reconvene and pass a full and clean repeal of 50-a immediately."

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