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***Legal Aid Condemns Mayor de Blasio's NYPD Crackdown On Peaceful Protesters,
Offers New Yorkers Assistance To File CCRB Complaints***

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society today condemned Mayor Bill de Blasio's NYPD crackdown on peaceful protesters and offered New Yorkers assistance in filing complaints with the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) concerning police misconduct.

The Legal Aid Society said - "Under the guise of protecting store owners from looters, Mayor Bill de Blasio has criminalized the constitutional right to express outrage over the murder of George Floyd and systemic racist policing. Dozens, if not hundreds, of non-violent protesters were arrested in Manhattan strictly for violating curfew. Mayor de Blasio could and should have stood with protesters. Instead, he has given the green light to the NYPD to suppress the right of the people to protest. In so doing, the Mayor has abdicated any moral authority to govern this city. This curfew is clearly about a desire to clamp down on the protests - not the looting - and Mayor de Blasio is disingenuous to suggest otherwise.

For those New Yorkers who have suffered or witnessed NYPD misconduct, The Legal Aid Society stands ready to assist with filing CCRB complaints. Those seeking such assistance can call us at (212) 577-3300."

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