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## ***Statement On Governor Cuomo Granting Clemency To Client Juan Serrano***

**(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, CUNY School of Law Defenders Clinic and Fordham School of Law Criminal Defense Clinic** issued the following statement in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo granting clemency to client Juan Serrano:

“Over the course of more than two decades of incarceration, Mr. Serrano has worked steadfastly to address mistakes of the past and his lifetime of substance abuse. He has embraced religion, gained a number of vocational skills to prepare as a productive member of society upon his release, and is considered a leader amongst his peers. Upon re-entry, Mr. Serrano will reunite with his wife and assist with the healthcare of his ailing elderly mother. We are overjoyed that Mr. Serrano will have a second chance at life.

However, there are thousands of other New Yorkers incarcerated in state prisons just as worthy of clemency as Mr. Serrano. We urge Governor Cuomo to continue to use his powers to grant more clemencies now.”

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