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Legal Aid Calls on Governor Cuomo to Enact the HALT Solitary Confinement Act Immediately After Bill Passes NYS Legislature

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society called on Governor Andrew Cuomo to immediately sign the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act (HALT S. 2836/A.2277) after the New York State Senate passed the legislation earlier this morning. The New York State Assembly passed HALT on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

“This moment is a product of years of fervent advocacy from directly impacted New Yorkers, the majority from Black and Latinx communities, who suffered in solitary confinement; their families and communities; advocates, and others committed towards abolishing the use of torture at prisons throughout New York State,” said **Tina Luongo, Attorney-in-Charge of the Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society**. “The Legislature sent a powerful message today: New York must halt torture. We urge that Governor Cuomo enact HALT Solitary it into law immediately.”

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