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*****MEDIA ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH*****

13th Forward Coalition To Call on Albany Lawmakers to Finally End Slavery For All Incarcerated New Yorkers on the 157th Anniversary of the 13th Amendment's Ratification

(NEW YORK, NY) — [13th Forward](#), a statewide coalition working to abolish slavery for all New Yorkers and end exploitation in New York's prison labor system, will rally on Tuesday, December 6th – the 157th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – at 11 a.m. at Foley Square to launch their 2023 legislative campaign and call on Albany lawmakers to pass legislation that would finally end slavery for all incarcerated New Yorkers.

The [No Slavery in NY Act](#) would amend the state constitution to abolish slavery without exception. The current lack of state constitutional protection has allowed New York to build a prison system so dependent on human exploitation and degradation that it is akin to modern-day slavery. Its companion legislation, the [Fairness and Opportunity For Incarcerated Workers Act](#) would ensure that all workers in New York, including those who are incarcerated, receive basic labor protections, a fair wage, and be protected against forced labor by threat of punishment.

WHAT: [13th Forward](#) 2023 Legislative Campaign Launch

WHO: The 13th Forward Coalition, led by The Legal Aid Society, Citizen Action of New York, Color Of Change, The New York Civil Liberties Union, A Little Piece of Light, and Wilfredo Laracuenta.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 6th

WHERE: Foley Square, NYC

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