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Legal Aid Calls on Governor Kathy Hochul to Enact Clean Slate Legislation

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the below statement calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to enact Clean Slate legislation following the bill's full passage through the New York State Legislature:

“This is a moment for the millions of New Yorkers who have been forced to suffer under the cloud of a criminal conviction that has long impeded their ability to secure employment, housing, educational opportunities, benefits and other critical needs.

“With the stroke of a pen, Governor Kathy Hochul can end this nightmare and transform the lives of so many of our clients and their families for the better, and we urge her to act without any further delay.

“The Legal Aid Society lauds bill sponsors Senator Zellnor Myrie and Assembly Member Catalina Cruz for championing Clean Slate, and we urge lawmakers to build on this success next session by passing the Treatment Not Jail Act, Communities Not Cages, comprehensive parole reform and other needed measures to overhaul our unjust and punitive criminal legal system.”

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