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Legal Aid Statement on U.S. Attorneys Calling for a Receivership of NYC Jails

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement in response to the Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, [calling for a receivership of local jails](#):

“We applaud the federal government's statement today calling for appointment of an independent receiver to bring the City jails into compliance with the law. Too many lives have been lost and damaged due to the City's inability to manage the jails humanely. We look forward to working together to seek the relief necessary to end this culture of brutality.”

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