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***Statement on NYC Board of Correction Regaining Full Access to NYC  
Department of Correction's Video Footage Systems***

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement in response to the New York City Board of Correction (BOC) [regaining full access](#) to the New York City Department of Correction's (DOC) video footage systems:

“The New York City Charter clearly establishes the Board of Correction as the watchdog over local jails with the power and authority to secure and review all videotape surveillance. We applaud the BOC for fighting against DOC's efforts to impede its oversight by reducing transparency of the jails. We are glad that the BOC has regained access to real-time footage from inside the jails, which is a crucial tool in its ability to monitor and investigate conditions on Rikers Island at a time when we know our incarcerated clients are suffering.”

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