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***Statement in Response to the City's New Subway Gun Detection System Pilot***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - Jerome Greco, Supervising Attorney of the Digital Forensics Unit at The Legal Aid Society,** released the following statement in response to the City's new subway gun detection system pilot:

“Simply put, gun detection systems are flawed and frequently trigger false alarms, which induces panic and creates situations that could result in the loss of life. This Administration’s headstrong reliance on technology as a panacea to further public safety is misguided, costly, and creates significant invasions of privacy. During this interim period, we urge all New Yorkers to voice their concerns with the City over these dystopian technologies. Contrary to the Mayor’s claims, New York City should not serve as a testing ground for surveillance corporations; the public has not consented to be a part of these experiments.”

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