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## ***Legal Aid on Newly Introduced Legislation to Better Facilitate the Sharing of Discovery***

(ALBANY, NY) - Tina Luongo, Chief Attorney of the Criminal Defense Practice at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement in response to newly introduced [legislation](#) that would better facilitate the sharing of discovery:

“Measures to ensure that prosecutors are not reliant on local police departments to furnish evidence are precisely what is needed for New York’s landmark and widely successful discovery reform to achieve its full potential.

“This bill aligns with our efforts to streamline the exchange of documents and information between all parties in a case. Technology exists that can make evidence sharing as easy as the touch of a button, and all criminal legal system stakeholders must work to bring this to fruition.

“In addition to increased funding for both prosecutor and public defender offices, which the 2019 reform failed to provide, these pragmatic approaches are the right path forward. Gutting a reform that turned the page on an era when limited discovery fueled decades of wrongful convictions, mass incarceration, and case delays will not enhance public safety across New York State.”

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