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# STOP THE RELEASE OF THOUSANDS OF NEW YORK'S MOST VIOLENT OFFENDERS ONTO OUR STREETS -- OPPOSE THE EARNED TIME, ELDER PAROLE, AND SECOND LOOK BILLS

The push for "Parole and Sentencing Reform" through these bills threatens to unleash chaos on New York's streets. If passed, these laws would open prison gates for some of the state's most violent criminals, overwhelm our criminal justice system, and torment past, present, and future crime victims. Here's why these bills are a disaster in the making:

### Earned Time (A.1085/S.342)

- Applies across the board to all inmates unless they are serving a sentence that has a life sentence as the max CUTS THE PENALTIES FOR NEARLY ALL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN NY IN HALF!
- Once earned, good time credit cannot be withheld for bad behavior, broken prison rules, or failure to fulfill the program, no matter the subsequent egregious conduct ENCOURAGES ASSAULTS STABBINGS AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING WHILE INCARCERATED.
- Violent criminals will now automatically get ONE-HALF of their sentences reduced (previously 1/7<sup>th</sup>)
- Applies RETROACTIVELY to all inmates, unless they are serving a sentence that has a life sentence as the maximum – WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THOUSANDS OF NEW YORK'S MOST DANGEROUS INMATES.

#### **Elder Parole (A.514/S.454)**

- Any inmate over 55 who has served at least 15 years gets a parole hearing, no matter their crime Effectively abolishes Life without Parole, even for Serial Killers, Cop Killers, and Racist Mass Murderers.
- If Parole is denied, the inmate automatically gets another hearing every other year until released Victims' families will continue to suffer by re-living the horror of the crime every other year.
- Most Inmates serving sentences over 15 years past age 55 are the most violent in the corrections system.
- NOTABLE INMATES WHO WILL GET BIENNIAL PAROLE HEARINGS INCLUDE LIRR SHOOTER COLIN FERGUSON, SERIAL KILLER JOEL RIFKIN, AND EVEN TOPS SUPERMARKET RACIST KILLER PAYTON GENDRON (ONCE HE REACHES AGE 55).

#### Second Look (A.1283/S.158)

- Any inmate who has served 10 years, or half of their sentence, whichever is less, may petition a court for a reduction of their sentence by a Judge who cannot be same judge who imposed the sentence – THIS WILL SWAMP COURTS AND PROSECUTORS IN RE-LITIGATING EVERY SENTENCE IMPOSED. VICTIMS WILL NEVER HAVE CLOSURE.
- Courts must appoint counsel to represent the inmate on each petition, paid for by New York taxpayers.
- There is NO LIMIT to how often or how many petitions an inmate can file As soon as one is denied they can file another and put the victim through another re-sentencing proceeding. THIS EFFECTIVELY PUTS VICTIMS ON LIFETIME "PAROLE."
- Every Inmate is Eligible -- Applies to Serial Killers, Cop Killers, Mass Killers and Rapists RACIST KILLER PAYTON GENDRON WILL BE ELIGIBLE IN SEVEN YEARS IN 2032. Victims' families will have to relive this horror constantly and will never have finality.