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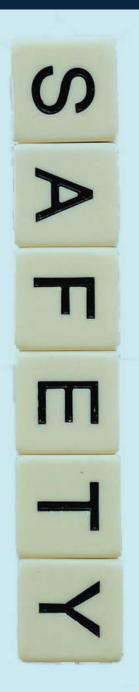


New York has:

- Over 500 jurisdictions with police departments
- In 2022, more than 60,000 full-time sworn police officers
- Bail and discovery reforms have made violent repeat offenders more commonplace¹

We need to do better.

THE MISSION TO MAKE NEW YORK SAFE



Public safety should not be a question in a state that spends as much as New York does. Yet every day, we hear from professionals how changes to public safety have only caused problems here at home.² I want to start making changes for the better and returning that sense of safety and security we had before. Here, I have a couple of ideas I'm hoping this state will consider:

Providing More Judicial Discretion

I supported the push to provide judges to make more independent decisions on sentencing an offender depending on how dangerous they are (A.1754)

- Trusted Officers in Schools
 I want to prioritize the hiring of retired law enforcement officers for a new school resource officer program (A.2023)
- Stopping "Swattings"
 I'm hoping we crack down on "swatting," or falsely reporting an incident to police officers, by making the act a felony (A.2977)
- Establish a Violent Felony Offender Registry
 I'm looking to emulate a system other states have introduced that tracks violent offenders with a database that law enforcement and the public can have access to (A.3665)
- Reviewing School Safety

 I want to review and establish minimum safety and security standards on school grounds (A.3728)
- No Chance of Parole
 I'm seeking to ensure those who murder a police officer, first responder or correction officer be sentenced to life imprisonment without parole (A.7472)
- $(1) \ https://datacollaborativeforjustice.org/work/bail-reform/does-new-yorks-bail-reform-law-impact-recidivism-a-quasi-experimental-test-in-the-states-suburban-and-upstate-regions/#: \sim:text=Across%20all%20of%20New%20York, and $\%20$ with $\%20$ recent%20 criminal $\%20$ histories.$
- (2) https://nypost.com/2024/03/03/opinion/bail-fail-study-shows-that-repeat-crime-increased-in-new-york-because-of-justice-reforms/





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