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Re: Elder Parole (S.454/A.514) and Fair and Timely Parole (S.159/A.127)

Dear Senator,

We are writing today to express our significant concerns about legislation that will have a drastic impact on public safety. The legislation titled Elder Parole and Fair and Timely Parole will drastically change parole requirements and allow dangerous violent criminals to be released early from prisons in New York State and onto the streets of New York.

In the interest of public safety, we urge you to vote against these bills. The criminals who are released from prison based on the passage of these bills will be free to once again prey on innocent citizens of New York. If these bills are passed, murderers and rapists will be granted early parole and released onto our streets.

We are charged with ensuring the safety of our citizens. It is a challenging task. Releasing dangerous criminals who have already been tried, convicted, and sentenced will only make that job harder.

It is undeniable that in recent years citizens of New York have felt less safe than they have in the past. Crime and safety are a foremost concern for our citizens. The release of murderers and rapists who were fairly tried and convicted will only serve to increase the concern for safety in our communities. We urge you to vote against Elder Parole (S.454/A.514) and Fair and Timely Parole (S.159/A.127) in the interest of public safety.

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