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# Less Is More: Community Supervision Revocation Reform Act (S.1343B – Benjamin / A.5493A – Mosley)



***“New York jails and prisons should not be filled with people who may have violated the conditions of their parole, but present no danger to our communities.”***  
***—Gov. Andrew Cuomo, 2018***

Since 2014, the number of people in New York City’s jails and prisons, including Rikers Island, has dropped – except for one group: those locked up for technical parole violations —such as missing an appointment with a parole officer, associating with people with felony records or failing a drug test. Incarceration for this population has increased by more than 15 percent.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has acknowledged the tremendous impact of parole violations, noting in his 2018 State of the State briefing book that, in 2012, 33 percent of people released from prison were remanded within three years for technical parole violations.

Parole officers have limited ability to help with the plethora of parolees’ pressing needs, such as housing, employment and health care. But that doesn’t mean they won’t threaten parolees with violations for not finding resources on their own. Lack of housing is a common barrier for people returning home from prison, and for those on parole, it can easily become a pathway back to prison.\*

\*Source: The Appeal. “As New York Decarcerates, the Number of People Under Supervision of Parole Rises”, by Victoria Law. February 1, 2018

## About the #LessIsMoreNY Campaign

#LessIsMoreNY is a statewide coalition of community groups, service providers, and public safety experts working together to pass the *Less Is More Act* to reduce jail and prison populations; support people who are subject to community supervision in the reentry process; promote safety and justice for families and communities; and save taxpayers money. We call on the Governor and Legislature to pass the bill, capture the savings that will result from reform, and reinvest those savings back into the communities most harmed by mass incarceration and crime.

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