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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

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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/#:~:text=Across%20all%20of%20New%20York,and%20with%20recent%20criminal%20histories.>

(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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