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CCRB TESTIFIES TO CITY COUNCIL ON BILL REGARDING DIRECT ACCESS TO BODY-WORN CAMERA FOOTAGE

NEW YORK – Today, the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Executive Director Jonathan Darche testified before the New York City Council’s Public Safety Committee regarding Int. 1451 – Direct Access to Body-worn Camera Footage.

If passed, the bill would require the New York Police Department (NYPD) to provide the CCRB with direct access to all footage recorded by officer body-worn cameras instead of having to do so through a formal request.

"The most important benefit of direct access is that it would strengthen the democratic legitimacy of our investigative process," said Darche. "It means that all the decisions made in an investigation are being made by civilians, not the NYPD. This matters."

"Body-Worn Camera footage allows us to close cases on the merits at a higher rate. In 2025 to date, we’ve been able to render a determination in 80.75% of complaints where there is Body-Worn Camera footage available to view," he said. "When we do not have this footage, that percentage drops to 53.71%."

To read more of the Executive Director’s testimony, [click here](#).

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The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is the largest police oversight entity in the nation and is empowered to investigate, mediate, prosecute, and recommend disciplinary action for complaints alleging misconduct by NYPD officers. See NYC Charter § 440(c)(1). The agency's jurisdiction includes excessive and unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, and use of offensive language. To further this mission, CCRB issues monthly, biannual, and special statistical and qualitative reports analyzing trends and recurring issues arising from the many thousands of civilian complaints it receives each year.