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May 12, 2016

Martha King, Executive Director
Chair and Members
New York City Board of Correction
1 Centre Street, Room 2213
New York, NY 10007

Re: Rulemaking Concerning Rape and Sexual Abuse in Jails

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to ask the Board of Correction (Board) to publish Proposed Rules to address the issue of rape and sexual abuse of individuals in the custody of the Department of Correction (DOC). It has been more than a year since Public Advocate Letitia James submitted her petition for rulemaking. In fact, on June 9, 2015, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking yet has not released its Proposed Rules.

I thank you for the time and attention you are devoting to this issue. Surely there is the need to conduct thorough research. However, there is also the urgency of addressing this pressing human rights concern. Undoubtedly, individuals held at Rikers and other facilities deserve our immediate attention to ensure that they are safe from rape and sexual abuse.

I look forward to reading the Proposed Rules in the very near future and working with you on this vital part of the overall reform of the DOC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Dromm", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel Dromm
New York City Council Member, 25th District