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Katal New York Update

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Next Phase of #LessIsMoreNY Takes Effect, Ending Automatic Detention for Technical Parole Violations



As you know, last year Katal and our partners successfully passed the #LessIsMoreNY bill in New York - transformative parole reform that will decarcerate, give people on parole a fair shot in their reentry, and create safer communities. **This week, on March 1, many of the transformative provisions of the Less Is More Act went into effect!** As of March 1, people on parole who are accused of a technical violation will no longer be subject to automatic detention. And new due process protections are designed so that, when accused of a violation, people on parole have an opportunity for a fair hearing.

These new provisions expand the scope of #LessIsMoreNY, and bring us one step closer to full implementation. **And the Less Is More Act has already had an impact in the fight for justice: nearly 1,500 people have been released from jails and prisons across the state since it was signed into law last September.** Check out our press [press release](#) from March 1st, which includes quotes and more details about these changes. And check out [this article about parole reform in New York](#), which features Katal Co-Executive Director Lorenzo Jones.

New Report about #LessIsMoreNY Implementation

New York's Less Is More Act: A Status Report on Implementation

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This week we published [a new report on the implementation of the Less Is More Act](#). Co-authored by Katal and our partners at Unchained, the report details what's happened with implementation thus far, identifies the problems and challenges to full and effective implementation, includes specific recommendations for Governor Kathy Hochul, the Court system, and the Legislature. Yesterday, *The New York Times* [published an article about implementation challenges of the Less Is More Act](#), and our new report was linked in the piece.

The report also outlines steps we are taking with our partners to protect #LessIsMoreNY from attacks by opponents, and to make sure the new law is fully and effectively implemented. [Check out our social media toolkit](#) if you'd like to connect with us about #LessIsMoreNY online.

Upcoming NY Statewide Criminal Justice Reform Call

NY STATEWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM MONTHLY CALL



We're one week away from our March [NY Statewide Criminal Justice Reform Call](#)! Lots is happening this session around criminal justice as organizers and advocates look to pass Clean Slate, parole reform, end qualified immunity, address wrongful convictions, and much more. The fight to defend bail reform is still ongoing, as well as work to properly implement #HALTsolitary and the Less Is More Act.

If you're interested in learning more about the current legislative session and what's happening with criminal justice reform in New York, then you don't want to miss this call. [Register for our next NY Statewide Criminal Justice Reform Call, on Thursday, March 10 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.](#)

Katal Quotes of the Week

These are some of the quotes we're thinking about this week.

"You don't get to choose the time you live in. But you do get to choose who you want to be, and what you want to think." --**Grace Lee Boggs**

"Fascism is a product of capitalism in crisis." -- **Walter Rodney**

"The connections we make in the course of a life--maybe that's what heaven is."
--**Fred Rogers**

Be safe as possible out there, and get vaccinated as soon as you can. If you want to get involved, learn more about our work, or just connect, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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