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(NEW YORK, NY) – The Release Aging People in Prison Campaign and Parole Preparation Project released the following statement in response to Governor Cuomo's announcement that he will release 1,100 people who have violated parole from prison and jail.

"Governor Cuomo is doing the right thing by bringing relief to 1,100 New Yorkers who were convicted of violating parole. We call on the governor to use this as the first step towards justice for far more incarcerated New Yorkers who are vulnerable to COVID-19. Thousands of elders and other New Yorkers with seriously compromised immune systems continue to languish in the governor's prison system. The governor should grant them clemency now before it's too late."

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