**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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WHAT: On Tuesday, May 5, Assembly Member Carmen De La Rosa, corrections and public health expert Robert Cohen, M.D., advocates, attorneys, and people directly impacted by the criminal legal system will hold a media briefing on the state of New York State prisons and releases amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The briefing will feature a panel discussion on the dire need for more releases, the inadequacy of the plans announced by the Governor, and a break down of the facts and myths surrounding prison conditions and releases of vulnerable incarcerated people. Press will be provided fact sheets and information on release efforts in New York and with details on community members’ demands for release, clemency expansion, reentry, community supervision, and improving conditions in prisons.

After the panel, members of the press will have a chance to ask questions to panelists and advocates directly. This event will not be open to the public.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 5th, 9:30AM-11AM

WHERE: Zoom: RSVP here

WHO: Assembly Member Carmen De La Rosa, corrections and public health expert Robert Cohen, M.D., criminal justice advocates, attorneys, directly impacted New Yorkers

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