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**Joint Statement in Support of the NY State Parole Board's
Decision to Release Jalil Muntaqim**

(New York, NY) -- Today, the Release Aging People in Prison Campaign, Parole Preparation Project, Brooklyn Defenders Services, and The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in support of the New York State Parole Board's decision to release Jalil Muntaqim:

“We support the Parole Board’s decisions to release incarcerated older people who have served decades in prison and pose no risk to public safety. The purpose of parole is to evaluate people for release based on who they are today, not to extend sentences into perpetuity. This and other recent decisions the Parole Board has made based on those principles are the right ones.”

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