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## **New Yorkers United for Justice Chief Strategist Khalil A. Cumberbatch Responds to Latest Siena College Poll Results on Bail Reform**

***\*\*\*NYUJ Leadership Available for Interview\*\*\****

“The Siena Poll has made it clear that much work remains needed to broadly educate the public on the benefits of pretrial reforms, and that is exactly what NYUJ will continue to do for the long haul.

“Unfortunately, months of fearmongering and misinformation have had an effect, as defenders of a broken status quo commit to frightening New Yorkers instead of coming together to make sure much-needed reforms are working as intended. And the new system can work: look no further than Kings County, in which DA Gonzalez eliminated cash bail for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies three years ago - and violent crime is down 18%. We don’t have to choose between fairness and safety.”

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