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TURNAROUND NEW YORK

MAKING NEW YORK SAFE

Support the Police & Reduce Crime

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Public safety is the number one role of Government. But, the politicians in New York have failed. Crime across the state is skyrocketing.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can reduce crime and keep New York families safe. That's exactly what I'll do as Governor. As an outsider, I won't let politics get in the way. I'll put public safety before politics.

PUBLIC SAFETY TURNAROUND PLAN

- 1. Ending Cashless Bail and Keeping Dangerous Criminals Off the Street**
- 2. Increase Funding, Pay & Support for the Police**
- 3. Fire Rogue District Attorneys Who Won't Enforce the Law**
- 4. Enact Jail & Criminal Justice Reforms**



**“NEW YORK CITY CRIME WAVE CONTINUES
INTO 2022 AS CITY ROLLS OUT SAFETY PLAN”**

MARCH 5, 2022



THE PROBLEM

CRIME IS RISING: THE POLITICIANS HAVE FAILED

Crime in New York has gotten steadily worse during the Hochul/Cuomo administration. The politicians have passed bad policies, failed to enforce the law, and refused to support the police.

They've based policy decisions on ideology and not data or common-sense.



This bad trend has gotten even worse in 2022, with the NYPD reporting a staggering 43% rise in felonies year to date, a 42% rise in petty larceny and a 30% rise in assaults.²



“NYC CRIME UP 60% IN FEBRUARY”

MARCH 3, 2022



AND WHILE CRIME IS UP, THE POLITICIANS HAVE PUT MORE CRIMINALS OUT ON THE STREET

THE POLITICIANS MADE IT WORSE:

- » Cashless bail, Less is More and Raise the Age were all ideologically-driven policies that were rushed through by the Cuomo/Hochul administration to score political points, without common sense checks, proper guardrails or data-driven assessments of the implications of these policies. They have had a devastating impact on communities across the state.
- » Raise the Age has allowed for cases involving serious offenses to be dismissed. For example, two teenagers were arrested by police after they posted their intent to kill someone on Facebook. Both were armed with guns and were waiting outside the intended target's house. A 16 year old was charged with attempted murder and weapons possession, however a Family Court judge released him under supervision of probation.³
- » Cashless bail has allowed repeat offenders to continue to commit crimes, particularly burglaries and other property crimes that are driving small businesses (and jobs) out of our state.
- » Furthermore, repeat offenders have regularly committed violent crimes while out on cashless bail. For example, a man facing felony arson charges went on to murder a mother and her daughter not even a week after being released without bail.⁴
- » Despite the rise in crime, there are more policy changes coming that are likely to lead to further increases in crime:
 - In April 2022, 8,000 parolees were released from parole under the new earned time credit program.⁵
 - Governor Hochul and the state legislature are currently evaluating Clean Slate legislation that will make it harder for law enforcement to track and address felons.





- » Similarly, the movement to close Rikers is driven by an ill-informed policy not based on real-world data:
 - Under DeBlasio's plan, Rikers would be replaced by 4 community-based jails. These proposed jails are ill-conceived, generally unwanted and could only accommodate roughly 3,000 of the 5,000 to 5,500 inmates typically at Rikers. In other words, the plan is predicated on a massive reduction in inmates, while crime is spiking, and without a back-up plan to address this huge capacity shortfall.
 - This ill-conceived plan was hatched because NYC and NYS serially neglected Rikers, rather than maintaining it as an adequate facility. A far better plan would be to clean up Rikers and address its many shortcomings through additional investment, which would save billions relative to the DeBlasio plan.
- » Money allocated to these Cuomo/Hochul policies has been ineffective. For example, New York State taxpayers have spent \$270 million under Raise the Age (out of \$800 million allocated), yet recent studies point to rearrest rates of nearly 50% for 16 and 17 year olds.⁶
- » Discovery changes have wreaked havoc on prosecutors due to overly burdensome administrative requirements with no consideration for materiality. As a result, prosecutors are leaving their jobs in droves,⁷ and cases that should be pursued are being dropped due to understaffing or technicalities.



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**“‘BAIL REFORM’ IS KILLING NEW YORKERS
AS ERIC ADAMS PUSHES FOR CHANGE”**

FEBRUARY 16, 2022



AN OUTSIDER CAN FIX IT

Harry Wilson has spent his career turning around failed organizations, relying on data and making good policy decisions that put people first. That's the same approach he'd use to reduce crime as Governor.

A VISION TO REDUCE CRIME

Crime needs to be viewed holistically with sensible bail requirements, judicial discretion, fair judicial process, sentencing, and rehabilitation viewed together. Actions must have consequences, and someone must have the political will to address all of the elements contributing to skyrocketing crime and hold people accountable to keep our neighborhoods safe by applying common sense to criminal justice reforms.





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STEP 1: ENDING CASHLESS BAIL AND KEEPING DANGEROUS CRIMINALS OFF THE STREET

- » End Cashless Bail so judges can set bail based on the defendant's dangerousness and criminal history in addition to flight risk.
- » Make all gun and weapons charges committed during a crime subject to bail and/or remand.
- » Ensure that all violent crimes – committed either with a gun or other weapon – are treated equally.
- » Make all felony charges subject to bail.
- » Make individuals with chronic violations & misdemeanors subject to stronger penalties including additional jail time.
- » Fight the scourge of fentanyl through much tougher penalties on trafficking.
- » Amend Discovery Statutes to give prosecutors more time to present evidence and incorporate a reasonableness/materiality standard. Encourage defense attorneys and prosecutors to confer directly and encourage speedier trials without creating an unmanageable burden on prosecutors and defense attorneys.

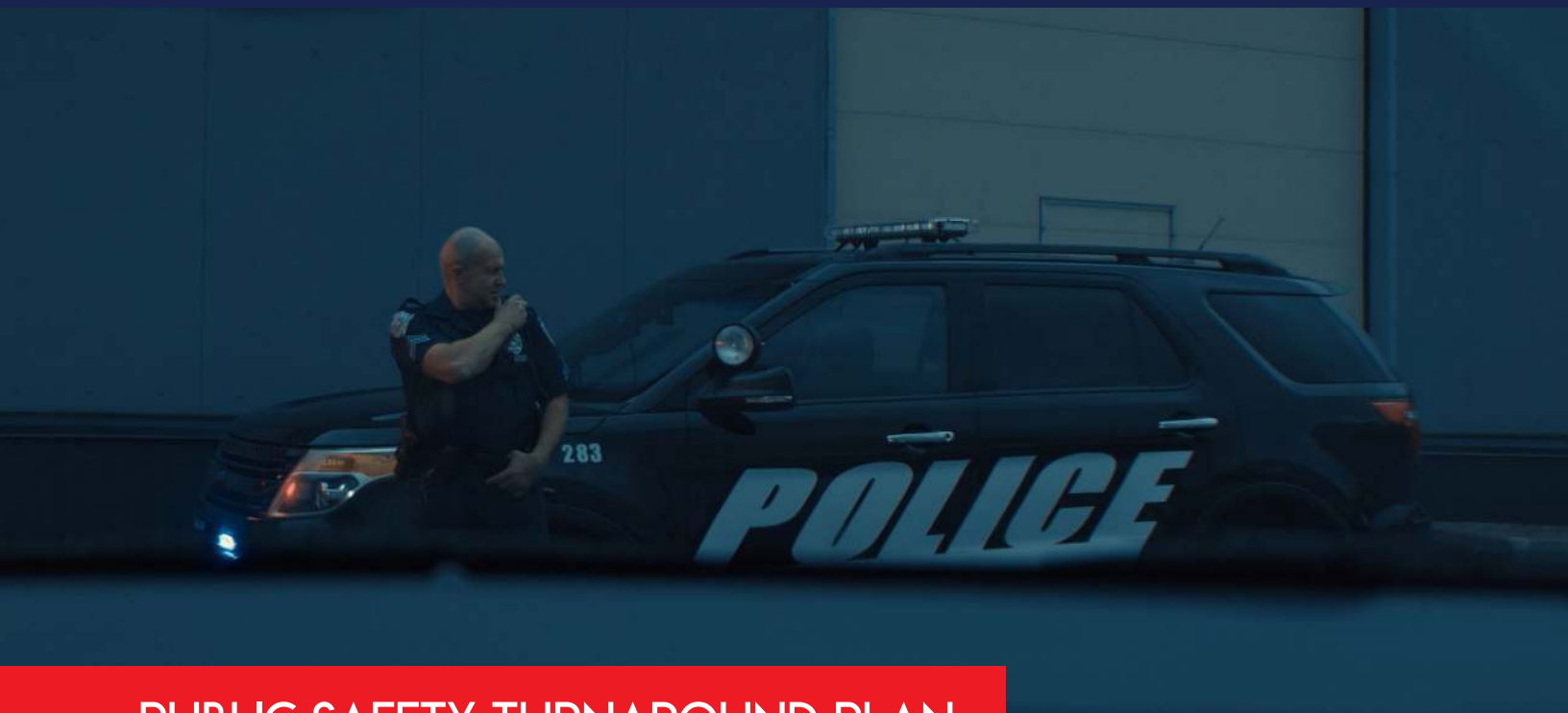


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- » Amend Less is More:
 - Earned time credit should not be allowed for violent offenses.
 - Repeat offenders should be brought into custody for parole violations.
- » Use more community-based initiatives including violence interrupters and credible messengers to reduce crime.
- » Review all recent bail/parole initiatives to ensure the effectiveness of services offered to those incarcerated, including education, job training, substance abuse and mental health services.
- » Review the budgeted \$800mm for Raise the Age to ensure that effective services are delivered, including Continuing Education, Job Training, and Mental/Substance Abuse Assistance, as provided for.
- » Raise the Age must provide the option for criminal court charges for repeat offenders.
- » Any gun or weapons charges under Raise the Age should give DAs the option to charge individuals in criminal court, not Family Court.





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STEP 2: INCREASE FUNDING, PAY & SUPPORT FOR THE POLICE

Fully Fund the Police

“Defund the police” has been a disaster. It sent the wrong message to law enforcement and emboldened criminals. Harry Wilson will increase police funding to reflect the increased demands of the current spike in crime so that enough officers are trained, equipped, and deployed to substantially reduce crime in our neighborhoods.

Utilize Policing Methods That Work

We need to embrace – not shy away from – proven law enforcement techniques like neighborhood safety cameras and plainclothes officers in high crime areas. As a business leader, Harry will make it a priority to work with local business and community leaders to help provide basic quality of life improvements, especially in more challenged communities, that deter criminal activity. Everyone, from every community in our state, must live in an environment where they feel they can pursue their daily lives safely – a basic requirement of any civilized society.



STEP 3: **FIRE ROGUE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WHO WON'T ENFORCE THE LAW**

Harry Wilson Will Fire Rogue District Attorneys

Some district attorneys, like Alvin Bragg, are failing our citizens. They were elected to enforce the law and are an essential part of our public safety efforts, so they must live up to the requirements of their office. Prosecutors who refuse to prosecute crimes are failing to do their job.

Harry Wilson would use the Governor's authority under Article 13 of the New York State Constitution to fire district attorneys who aren't enforcing the law.





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STEP 4: JAIL & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

As an outsider and turnaround expert, Harry Wilson knows that, to bring true, lasting transformation to a failing system, you have to go beyond the obvious solutions.

Policing & Community Services:

- » Create a small and nimble team to break down silos between law enforcement agencies and other key efforts, including mental health and homelessness, that have implications for public safety, with the goal of substantially improving crime reduction efforts and addressing contributing causes.
- » Use proven law enforcement techniques to address high crime areas including neighborhood safety cameras, plainclothes units, and neighborhood safety teams across the state.
- » Engage business and local communities in public/private initiatives for combating crime including quality of life improvements and crime reduction.
- » Help police officers increase their focus on patrolling efforts and less on administrative duties.



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STEP 4: ENACT JAIL & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

Jail & Prison Reform:

- » Instead of closing Rikers and creating inadequate and unwanted neighborhood jail facilities, spend the necessary capital on improvements to Rikers Island including safety provisions and increased mental health capacity. Neglect from past administrations has turned Rikers into a mess, but the answer is to fix the mess by improving Rikers, not compounding the mess by forcing through an ill-conceived plan.
- » Require prisons across the state to include mandatory mental health evaluations, substance abuse, education, and job training opportunities.
- » Extend Kendra’s Law which allows a court to mandate outpatient treatment for people with mental illness.
- » Increase psychiatric bed capacity to keep pace with the increased need for mental health services.
- » Invest further in corrections officer training and safety.
- » Expand temporary solitary confinement when needed for chronically violent prisoners who are a danger to corrections officers and other inmates.
- » Make mandatory the use of transitional facilities, including 3rd party programs, for released prisoners to provide them housing and continued use of education, mental health and substance use programs.

Courts & Criminal Justice:

- » Return criminal proceedings and hearings to be “in person” sessions.
- » Hire the necessary staff to decrease the existing backlog of criminal cases to reasonable levels to enable speedy but effective and just review.



CONCLUSION

The politicians have made New York less safe. They've cut funding for police and have put criminals back on the street. They have shown no will or ability to put the safety of New York families first. And electing another politician who talks about the crisis but has no track record in solving problems will mean a deadlock that does not help New Yorkers, either. Harry Wilson's proven track record in solving problems and common sense crime plan means we will reverse the mistakes of recent years and return safety to our streets.

Through a combination of bold reforms, common-sense solutions and proven turnaround leadership, Harry Wilson will decrease crime in our state, helping to turnaround New York.



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