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Senator DeFrancisco Announces the Passage of Legislation that Would Enable Persons Who are Deaf to Receive Realtime Court Reporting Services

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Senator John A. DeFrancisco today held a press conference at the Onondaga County Courthouse to announce the passage of his bill (S5533-B) by the Senate and Assembly, and to urge Governor Cuomo to sign the bill into law.

The legislation would require that state-funded courts provide Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Through CART, everything said during a court proceeding would be translated through a software feed into real-time captioning, then displayed on a computer or monitor for the hearing impaired person. The bill awaits signing by Governor Cuomo.

Senator DeFrancisco was joined at the press conference by Carlton Strail, a CNY Deaf Community Advocate and Adam Alweis, a Senior Court Reporter, NYS Supreme Court Association.