



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Kavanagh's Follow-Up Statement on Police Accountability Including Repeal of 'Section 50-a' Secrecy Law

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In response to inquiries about pending legislation to promote police accountability, I want to follow up and specify several bills--by the numbers--that I support to address the issues I referenced in my statement on Saturday. See statement [here](#).

To end unnecessary secrecy regarding police misconduct and disciplinary processes, I support Senator Jamaal Bailey's Bill S3695, and have added my name as a co-sponsor, to

repeal Civil Rights Law Section 50-a. This legislation can be viewed [here](#).

To ensure fair and thorough investigations whenever there is a death as a result of interaction with the police or while a person is in police custody, I also support and co-sponsor Senator Bailey's Bill S2574, to establish a special office to conduct such investigations and initiate prosecutions where appropriate. I have had the opportunity to vote in favor of this bill in the past, and look forward to doing so again. This legislation can be viewed [here](#).

To ensure that the public has the information necessary to assess the often disparate impact of policing on various communities, I support and co-sponsor Senator Brad Hoylman's Bill S1830, to require all police departments to report demographic and geographic data on their enforcement activities, including low-level offenses. Again, I have voted for this legislation in the past, on the Assembly floor in 2017 and as a member of the Senate Codes Committee last year. This legislation can be viewed [here](#).

I will work with my colleagues to take decisive action in the coming days to increase public accountability of our police departments. I thank everyone in the communities I represent and other concerned New Yorkers who have contacted my office regarding these profoundly important issues.

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