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TESTIMONY FORTHCOMING
By Felicia Henry, Director of Research and
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The Correctional Association of New York (CANY)’s mission is to safeguard the human and civil rights of people in prison in New York; promote transparency and accountability; eliminate harmful policies and practices; and support decarceration strategies.

On-site monitoring visits, correspondence with incarcerated people and their families, surveys, and reports from community partners have revealed pervasive issues with sexual assault and abuse within NYS prisons.

CANY's formal testimony will cover:

- **High-level background of prevalence of sexual assault and abuse according to CANY data (including direct quotes from incarcerated people)**
- **Poor conditions of confinement that exacerbate assault and abuse**
- **Violent and punitive institutional culture within DOCCS facilities**
- **Recommendations for addressing violence and providing recourse to incarcerated people who are harmed**

