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Governor Andrew Cuomo Supports Transparency In Grand Jury Process

Public Advocate James Has Pushed To Open Grand Jury Testimony In Garner Case

(New York, NY)— On January 14, 2015, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo stated his support for making the grand jury process more transparent. New York City Public Advocate Letitia James released the following statement:

“I commend Governor Cuomo for pursuing Grand Jury reform because we must restore the public’s faith in our criminal justice system. In instances where Grand Jury secrecy is not vital – such as the Eric Garner case where video tape evidence and the identity of the alleged are in plain view – the public must know what happened in the courtroom. That is why my office will continue our efforts to unseal the minutes of the Garner Grand Jury case and why we will continue to fight for transparency and fairness in our criminal justice system,” said **Public Advocate Letitia James**.

New York State Supreme Court Justice William Garnett will hear oral arguments on January 29th. The Public Advocate will continue to work to bring police and communities together and increase transparency and accountability in our justice system.

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