

- The myth that this law only applies to low level criminals, when in fact, it will put individuals charged with a host of serious crimes back on the street, including those charged with strangulation, drug dealing, certain assaults and even criminally negligent homicide.
- The myth that this law only applies to first time offenders, when in fact, even those with lengthy “rap sheets” will be allowed to walk free.
- The myth that, under this law, dangerous criminals may be held without bail, when in fact, it is not addressed in the legislation.
- The myth that there is always judicial discretion, when in fact, this law removes almost all of a judge’s discretion and many of those arrested will simply be handed a summons, released and won’t see a judge until weeks later, when and if they appear in court.
- The myth that information concerning witnesses will remain confidential until shortly before the trial, when in fact, the names of witnesses and their contact information will be released to the accused within 15 days of the arrest date. An action that will make the witnesses ripe for intimidation.

In addition, we need to closely examine our court system to confirm that the accused are receiving their constitutionally protected right to a speedy trial and, if necessary, be prepared to enact the needed reforms and improvements to the system.

Over 5,000 New Yorkers have signed a petition on my website, which calls for immediate action to block implementation of the bail reform legislation. To this end, I would suggest you call an Extraordinary Session of the legislature and request your colleagues, the Democrat leaders of the Assembly and Senate, take legislative action to delay implementation of bail reform until there has been time to review the legislation and hear testimony from concerned New Yorkers who will be impacted by it.

You have an opportunity to protect our citizens from a piece of ill-conceived and hastily passed legislation that will do more to protect the criminal class than law-abiding New Yorkers. I genuinely hope you have the courage and fortitude to take the necessary action before year’s end.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Malliotakis", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Nicole Malliotakis
Member of the Assembly
64th District