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ABORN APPLAUDS CUOMO'S PUSH TO EXPAND DNA DATABANK

Crime Commission urges legislature to pass legislation now

NEW YORK- In response to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's letter to Speaker Sheldon Silver and Majority Leader Dean Skelos, urging them to consider legislation to expand the DNA Databank to include all crimes upon conviction, Richard M. Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, released the following statement:

"Governor Cuomo's unqualified support further underlines the urgency of expanding the DNA Databank. DNA is the 21st century fingerprint, law enforcement needs this essential tool now."

Aborn has long advocated for expanding the databank, editorializing recently in the New York Post about this important issue:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/needless_delays_for_ny_justice_gcOw8KGGNeC93aSXSgWRPJ

Since 2006, the Crime Commission has been part of a coalition advocating for expansion of the DNA Databank to include all crimes upon conviction.

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City is an independent nonprofit organization working to make criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. In the last three decades, the Crime Commission has been a leader on key issues such as: increasing the size of the NYPD, expanding the use of DNA evidence in crime fighting, creating innovations that reduce juvenile crime, developing interventions against gun violence and illegal gun crime, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.

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