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**SCANLON AND FEROLETO URGE NYS LEGISLATURE TO AMEND BAIL
REFORM LAW**

Buffalo Common Council Members cite the elimination of the ability for a judge to set bail in many instances, impacted discovery timelines in criminal proceedings, and law enforcement's compromised ability to safely engage witnesses as cause for concern

Buffalo, NY – On Monday, January 6, 2020, South District Council Member Christopher P. Scanlon and Delaware District Council Member Joel P. Feroletto filed a cosponsored resolution with the Buffalo Common Council urging the New York State Legislature to consider amending the newly enacted criminal justice reform laws which took effect on January 1, 2020.

The resolution reads in part “Although the laws were passed with the intention of reforming injustices within the criminal justice system, we firmly believe that the unintended consequences pose serious risk to the public safety of our communities.”

The council members also launched an online petition calling for amendments to the law. As of 10:20AM today, less than 24 hours after launching, there were 257 signatures.

“There’s no denying there is a great disparity in the criminal justice system and that reform is required,” said South District Council Member Christopher P. Scanlon. “However, any changes made must be done so with a common sense approach in an effort to eliminate negative impacts on victims and the general public.”

“Criminal justice reform is a very serious issue and I hope common sense amendments are made to the law,” said Delaware District Council Member Joel P. Feroletto.

The resolution is expected to be discussed at the Buffalo Common Council meeting tomorrow at 2:00pm in Council Chambers.

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