

**New York needlessly confines thousands of senior citizens to cruel and degrading conditions in prison.**

In the last decade, the number of people ages 55+ in NY's prisons increased by 64%, even while the total prison population fell by 21%.

Risk of committing a new crime decreases with age, and people over 50 who serve long sentences for serious felonies are the *least* likely to return to prison after release. Many have records of positive achievement in prison and are praised by prison officials as peacemakers and role models.

Despite these truths, the vast majority of seniors in prison are routinely denied parole and compassionate release by the state.

To: Governor Andrew Cuomo; New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; New York State Parole Board; State and Local Elected Officials:

# BRING OUR ELDERS HOME!

**We the undersigned demand that New York State release incarcerated seniors who have already served considerable time and pose no threat to public safety.**

Doing so will restore the harmony of our communities, fulfill our commitment to the human rights of ALL people, and save NY millions of dollars a year. Aging people returning from prison pose little risk to public safety and are prepared to contribute positively to the society. Together, we reject retribution and perpetual punishment as the drivers of our justice system.

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<p><b>FOR PETITION CIRCULATOR:</b> I, _____ (print), personally circulated this petition. All signatures contained herein were made in my presence and believed to be genuine.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p><b>SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO:</b>                  RAPP Campaign c/o Correctional Association of New York                  2090 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., Ste 200, NYC 10027                  By Fax: 212-473-2807 (Attn: RAPP Campaign)                  More Info: mfarid@correctionalassociation.org</p>
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