



Key Flaws of Governor Cuomo's [Proposed Solitary Regulations](#) and the Need for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act

- **Advertised as reform, Gov. Cuomo's proposed regulations would actually permit years and decades of solitary confinement to continue. The NY Senate & Assembly must pass the [HALT Solitary Confinement Act](#), S.1623 / A.2500 on the next legislative session day, and Governor Cuomo must sign it into law, to finally end the torture of prolonged solitary confinement in New York State.**
- **Solitary confinement is torture.** It decreases institutional and community safety. It is inflicted disproportionately on Black and Latinx people. It must end now.
- **The proposed regulations are woefully inadequate,** and will continue to allow countless people to be subjected to the torture of solitary confinement in New York prisons and jails for years and potentially decades. For instance, the regs will:
 - Continue to permit people to be locked in solitary confinement for years through endless cycles of "time-limited" solitary with no meaningful break or unlimited time in keeplock, another form of solitary with no guaranteed access to meaningful human interaction, even for the most minor rule violations
 - Allow indefinite warehousing in the kind of solitary by another name that took the life of [Layleen Polanco](#) and destroys countless others
 - Continue solitary for young people and people with mental illness, continuing the horrible practices that took the life of [Ben Van Zandt](#)
 - Take years before imposing any so-called "limitations" on how long a person can be in solitary
 - Continue - even at that point - to explicitly permit solitary for lengths that amount to torture under United Nations standards
 - Continue to send people to solitary for alleged broad, nonviolent behavior
 - Operate without transparency or independent oversight.
- **The regulations must adopt all of the provisions of the [HALT Solitary Confinement Act](#),** including the following, and NY must enact HALT when session resumes:
 - Ban all forms of solitary beyond 15 days for all people and prevent cycling in and out of solitary
 - Ban all solitary for people most harmed by solitary (including young people and people with mental health needs)
 - Require *real* program-based alternatives that are more humane and effective, with meaningful out-of-cell human contact and programs
 - Restrict the criteria that can result in any separation to the most serious conduct

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- Provide greater procedural protections, staff training, mandatory reporting, and independent oversight