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We have begun to hear rumors that the female detainees at Rikers will be moved to Bedford Correctional facility as of Monday October 18, 2021.

WE ARE 100% OPPOSED TO THIS!!!

What is really the sudden emergency? And how does making female detainees more isolated and less able to meet with counsel; court, advocates, and visitors address the emergency? It doesn't. This is the complete opposite of the past 5 years of discussion about why Rikers must be closed. Moving women in order to house men in our living quarters violates the 14th Amendment's equal protection under the law.

This is simply a political maneuver designed to accomplish the closing of Rikers in name only. In reality inhabitants at Rikers are being further violated, once again starting with the women. How dare the Governor sacrifice women for a photo op / headline?! This false 'state of emergency' in no way justifies creating new obstacles to justice for detained women. We are unequivocally opposed to this edict and we will not be silent.

If you're going to declare an emergency, we insist that the govt shoulder the burden, not the women who are already subjected to lengthy detention. A tolerable solution is to negotiate release conditions, not to further bury chronic violations of due process.

Don't be another perpetrator of domestic violence -
Silencing us, hiding us, abusing your power.

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In the race to tyranny, New York outpaces TEXAS.

Governor Hochul and Mayor de Blasio turn the long standing argument to close Rikers on its head. The impetus to shut the isolated jail is to provide detainees easier access to the courts, counsel and the community. Yet in a stunning reversal, the politicians have declared the solution to this long festering problem is to send female detainees even further away, of ten after having detained them-without trial or conviction-for four or more years.

The right to vote is meaningless without the rest of the constitution.



The answer to the Warsaw Ghetto is not the
ovens of Auschwitz.

The answer to Jim Crow is not slavery.

The answer to Pre-Trial Detention is not
Pre-conviction.

Pssst, Governor Hochul and Mayor de
Blasio- your incompetence is not our
emergency.



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THE STATE'S INCOMPETENCE IS NOT OUR EMERGENCY.

BEDFORD IS NOT NEW YORK'S GITMO... A TEMPORARY SOLUTION...

THE ANSWER TO OVERDUE PROCESS IS DUE PROCESS.