



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Senator John J. Flanagan  
State Capitol Building, Room 330  
Albany, NY 12247  
Flanagan@nysenate.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Senator Flanagan:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan  
Legislative Office Building, Room 512  
Albany, NY 12247  
Gallivan@nysenate.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Senator Gallivan:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried  
Legislative Office Building, Room 822  
Albany, NY 12248  
GottfriedR@nyassembly.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Assembly Member Gottfried:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail  
Senator Kemp Hannon  
The Capitol, Room 420  
Albany, NY 12247  
Hannon@nysenate.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Senator Hannon:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director





Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Assembly Member Carl E. Heastie  
Legislative Office Building, Room 932  
Albany, NY 12248  
Speaker@nyassembly.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Speaker Heastie:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Senator Jeffrey D. Klein  
Legislative Office Building, Room 913  
Albany, NY 12247  
JDKlein@nysenate.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Senator Klein:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director



Derrick D. Cephas, Acting Chair  
Stanley Richards, Acting Vice-Chair  
Gerard W. Bryant, Ph.D.  
Robert L. Cohen, M.D.  
Hon. Bryanne Hamill  
Jennifer Jones Austin  
James Perrino  
Michael J. Regan  
Steven M. Safyer, M.D.

**BOARD OF CORRECTION**  
**CITY OF NEW YORK**  
1 CENTRE STREET, RM 2213  
NEW YORK, NY 10007  
212 669-7900 (Office)  
212 669-7980 (Fax)

Martha W. King  
*Executive Director*

April 24, 2017

Via USPS and E-Mail

Assembly Member David I. Weprin  
Legislative Office Building, Room 526  
Albany, NY 12248  
WeprinD@nyassembly.gov

Re: A6838/S5337

Dear Assembly Member Weprin:

We are writing to express our support for legislation A6838/S5337 and to describe from the perspective of the New York City Board of Correction the need for the targeted use in the New York City jails of the body scanners which are the subject of the legislation.

The use of these body scanners in the City's jails is one critical tool among the several anti-violence strategies that are needed in the jails. The use of these scanners would provide an increased measure of safety to people working in the jails and to people in custody therein.

Alarming, slashings in the City's jails continue to increase. These scanners would increase the Department of Correction's ability to identify and remove dangerous weapons, including knives and scalpels, which currently cannot be detected by metal detectors and are small enough to avoid detection during a pat frisk. The Department of Correction has been limited in its ability to stop the slashings, in part, because it does not have a reliable mechanism to find these weapons and remove them from circulation.

The Board recognizes that any exposure to additional ionizing radiation, even in this case when data suggests that the exposure is very low risk, should be taken seriously. Regulation and oversight by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will create parameters for safe utilization of these scanners.

New York City has already taken significant steps towards safer, fairer, and more humane jails, including major increases in programming for young people, new intensive

care mental health units, expanded training for uniform staff and nation-leading reforms of punitive segregation. Used in partnership with these other initiatives, the body scanners will undoubtedly contribute to a decrease in violence in the City's jails.

We urge you and our other state legislators to act to allow the use of body scanners in the New York City jails. This change will have an immediate and significant impact of the reduction of violence and contraband. Please feel free to contact us or any member of the Board of Correction if you have any questions with regard to our support of the legislation or to otherwise discuss this issue.

Very truly yours,



Derrick D. Cephas  
Acting Chair



Martha W. King  
Executive Director