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ENVISION FREEDOM CALLS BRAGG’S PROSECUTORIAL MEMO REVERSAL A CAPITULATION TO FEAR MONGERING

NEW YORK, NY — It took a mere 32 days of orchestrated media hysteria from the law enforcement playbook for Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg to backtrack from the policies outlined in his January 3 Memo. While Bragg’s original policies were lacking, they reflected a commitment to the campaign platform on which he was elected. Bragg’s capitulation to New York City Mayor Eric Adams and the NYPD demonstrates the influence of fear mongering propaganda and the long-standing connection between prosecutors and police that exists in New York City and across the country.

“ Calls for Bragg’s impeachment because he supported the most menial reforms shows the limits of ‘reform prosecutors,’ especially when they’re more afraid of the law enforcement machine than they are committed to protecting communities most likely to be harmed by prosecution, policing and incarceration. We, alongside directly impacted people and our partners, continue to push Bragg—and his fellow New York City district attorneys—to set policies that recognize community safety should be achieved without more prosecution and punishment,” says Zoë Adel, criminal legal advocacy manager at Envision Freedom Fund.

Envision Freedom Fund (formerly Brooklyn Community Bail Fund) works alongside impacted communities to dismantle the oppressive and interconnected criminal legal and immigration systems. With freedom as our guiding principle, we invest in innovative campaigns and programs that aim to win long-term, transformative change, while meeting the urgent needs of community members in the present.

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