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My name is Madeline Brame, Chairwoman of the Victims Rights Reform Council, State Director of BLEXIT New York and mother of a homicide victim.

On October 18, 2018 my oldest son, Sgt. Hason Correa, US Army Afghanistan War Retired Veteran as brutally stabbed to death in Harlem, NY by 4 people he did not know nor had he done any harm. Sgt. Correa was kicked, punched, stomped and stabbed 11 times and died from a fatal stab wound through his heart at the scene. Sgt. Correa's father, Wesley Correa, was also kicked, punched, stomped and stabbed 12 times by the 4 when he tried to come to Sgt. Correa's aid, he barely survived the attack with life threatening injuries that led to a series of emergency surgeries that resulted in life long disabilities. The entire incident was captured on hi-def video.

Of the 4 defendants 3 of them are siblings; 2 brothers, James & Christopher Saunders; 1 sister, Mary Saunders and their male friend Travis Stewart. All 4 are charged and indicted with 1st Degree Gang Assault & 2nd Degree Murder. The 3 men have an additional charge & indictment for 1st Degree Attempted Murder. All 3 men are repeat predicate violent felony offenders with long criminal histories. 1 of the men were on Parole for a previous violent assault at the time of the murder of Sgt. Correa. Mary Saunders had no criminal history. All defendants are between the ages of 34-37 years old.

All 4 defendants have been apprehended and were being held at Rikers Island Correctional Facility. The 3 men are currently being detained without bail pending trial. Mary Saunders was granted bail by a Manhattan Criminal Court Judge, Judge Ward after being held without bail for several months, of \$250,000. Unable to make bail Mary Saunders was remanded and held on

Rikers Island, Rose M. Singer Center for approximately 14 months, several bail reduction applications were denied because of the heinousness, brutality, evidence and her significant exposure to the homicide until December 18, 2019 when Mary's Legal Aids submitted another bail reduction application in front of another Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Ellen Biben based on Mary being a mother and had no prior criminal history. Facts that were established and argued months prior in front of Judge Ward on previous bail reduction applications that were denied. Judge Ellen Biben, viewed the video and conferenced with council and the DA and decided to reduce Mary's bail from \$250,000 down to \$12,000 in light of the new Bail Reform legislation, her children and her likelihood of coming back to court. Also \$12,000 is what the family had for bail. 1 month prior Mary Saunders was viewed as a heinous, brutal, savage killer, which a video clearly shows. Somehow all of the facts no longer mattered and Mary Saunders was bail out of Rikers Island on December 23, 2019 in time to spend Christmas with her family while Sgt. Correa's 3 small children visited their fathers grave to lay a wreath at Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY.

Mary Saunders has been free for over 2 years. Free to come and go as she pleases, work, be home with her family and children. Free to run, kill again or attack me or my family at any given moment. There is nothing standing between her, me, my grand children or my family. Who is anybody to strip judges of discretion to determine dangerousness when the months prior Mary Saunders was determined dangerous. None of the circumstances or evidence of the homicide changed. The video and 33 witnesses will testify to the fact that this woman held Sgt. Correa's are while Travis Stewart held the other are while James Saunders stabbed Sgt. Correa multiple times in the torso. After Sgt. Correa managed to break away and run into the street for his life Mary Saunders chased him into the street with his back turned, tripped him and participated in

the kicking punching and stomping while James Saunders continued to stab Sgt. Correa all over his body 11 times, with the final stab to his heart. As well as stood there and watched the 3 men attack Wesley Correa and stab him 12 times. Then run away and leave 2 bodies in the street for dead. No remorse, no fear, no regard for human life. The original ADA on the case who has since retired, Jessica Troy, informed me the “court felt sorry for her (Mary Saunders)”!

This case has been postponed, adjourned, cancelled and full of all kinds of shenanigans from the Manhattan DA’s office for almost 4 years. There are been 4 judges, 2 AdA’s that stepped down, 1 grief counselor stepped down and the judge who reduced Mary’s bail is no longer on the bench. The case in no closer to trial then from day 1. The DA’s office attempted to blame COVID for all the delays, however all of these issues happened before COVID. It wasn’t until last week after being informed the case was moved back to the original part with court dates set for next month that Manhattan DA’s office has homicide cases on the calendar that haven’t been tried since 2016, 2017, 2018 etc. and that they had to do the oldest cases first and work their way up to 2018, the year Sgt. Correa was murdered. Sgt. Correa’s has now been reduced and disrespected down to being acknowledged by the year he was killed.

Bail Reform has been a complete disaster. Dead bodies and victims all across NYS. 1000’s of criminal elements roaming the streets free to do whatever they want to whomever they want with no consequences. What kind of society can survive with complete lawlessness. RE FUND NYPD and out all of the anti gang, anti TASC forces, SWAT, ATF, National Guard. We will need them all to clean up the mess, death and destruction left from the complete train wreck of Bail Reform that crashed right into the black and brown community.