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**New York County Lawyers Association Issues Statement  
on the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York**

The New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), which represents 7500 attorneys, today issued the following statement:

“The New York County Lawyers’ Association Voting Rights Task Force applauds the New York State Senate for passing the most important legislation ensuring voter protection and voter access in decades. In a time when voting rights are under assault across the country, said Onya Brinson of the NYCLA Voting Rights Task Force, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York ensures that jurisdictions across New York that wish to change election laws or procedures prove that there will be no discriminatory impact or purpose and creates protections against voter suppression tactics such as voter purges that have too often disenfranchised voters of color. New York has the opportunity to be a model in restoring access to the ballot for all New Yorkers. The NYCLA Voting Rights Task Force commends the Senate for recognizing this and now we urge the Assembly to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act expeditiously and for Governor Hochul to sign this legislation without delay.”

**About the New York County Lawyers Association**

The New York County Lawyers Association ([www.nycla.org](http://www.nycla.org)) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar associations in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender, and has a long history of supporting the rights of LGBTQ+ people. Since its inception, NYCLA has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms in American jurisprudence. For more information on NYCLA please visit [nycla.org](http://nycla.org).

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