

New York's Three Key Political Leaders Agree: NOW is the Time to Overhaul the Rockefeller Drug Laws



Governor David Paterson

- "...few public safety initiatives have failed as badly and for as long as the Rockefeller Drug Laws."
State of the State, January 09
- "I haven't changed my opinion on this one iota and certainly want to fight for Rockefeller Drug reform."
May 22, 2008, WAMC

Sheldon Silver, Assembly Speaker

- "There has never been any question that the so-called "war on drugs" is and always has been a massive failure...a primary weapon in that war – the Rockefeller Drug Laws – are and always have been a huge catastrophe for this state and absolutely must be reformed."
- "We will work with the Governor, with Majority Leader Malcolm Smith, and with the new and improved Senate Majority to break this state's addiction to mandatory prison sentences for non-violent offenders."
- "I am proud to tell you, on behalf of my Assembly Majority colleagues that this year – 2009 – is the year we will finally enact real reform of the Rockefeller Drug Laws."
January 22, 2009

Malcolm Smith, Senate Majority Leader

- "This report [NY State Commission on Sentencing Reform] is an important first step in revising the criminal justice process, and will serve as an invaluable asset to the Legislature as we begin to reform these outdated criminal laws."
February 4, 2009

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