



# WE ARE NOT CRIMINALS

## VISION ZERO IS RESULTING IN BUS OPERATORS BEING TREATED LIKE COMMON CRIMINALS . . .

**...This was not the intent of the Vision Zero right-of-way law and it needs to be amended immediately.**

Bus Operators perform a vital service to the City of New York. We transport 2.5 million passengers every day on the most dangerous and chaotic streets in America.

**“Right of way”** bus accidents are rare, but do happen, and almost always on dangerous turns at busy intersections. Because of our routes and schedules, Bus Operators are required to navigate 40-foot buses through “live” pedestrian right of way areas thousands of times per day. And we are often penalized if we run late. This is a flawed system that inevitably leads to pedestrian accidents.

But instead of addressing the systemic causes of the problem — street design, blind spots on every bus, MTA bus routing, pedestrian and cyclist behavior — the City chooses to arrest Bus Operators, no matter how safely they were operating. Arresting Bus Operators for performing these incredibly difficult jobs will not make the streets of NYC any safer. It is nothing short of an attack on these hardworking men and women who are the bedrock of communities across our great city, and does not advance the goals of Vision Zero.

The law must be amended. 25 members of the City Council and the Working Families Party agree. We urge the New York City Council to immediately pass Int. 0663 amending Vision Zero to eliminate the unintended consequences and correct this injustice. **Fix the broken system — don’t arrest Bus Operators!**



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