

# CLOSE TO HOME: WITNESSING CRIMINAL INJUSTICE PRESENTED BY PAROLE JUSTICE ALBANY

## FEATURING:

- \* Shorts from Marshall Project's Emmy-nominated documentary **WE ARE WITNESSES**
- \* Panel & discussion with Witnesses from documentary
- \* Reports on resisting criminal injustice in Capital District & statewide
- \* Community discussion on criminal injustice & resistance in Capital Region
- \* Replica of solitary confinement cell

The U.S. criminal "justice" system locks up more people, for longer times, and mostly people of color. Police officers shoot and kill people, some here in the Capital District. **The Marshall Project says, "The American criminal justice system consists of 2.2 million people behind bars, plus tens of millions of family members, corrections and police officers, parolees, victims of crime, judges, prosecutors and defenders. In We Are Witnesses, we hear their stories."**

- \* **Erica Garner** whose father died after an illegal choke hold by a police officer;
- \* **Venida Browder** whose son Khalief completed suicide after being unfairly jailed;
- \* Local parents **Alicia Barraza & Doug Van Zandt**, whose mentally ill son was sent to prison;
- \* **Tyrrell Muhammad** of NY Correctional Association, who spent years in solitary confinement.

**Please join us** to view these stories on screen and meet some of the witnesses.

Activists will report to community on local impacts and resistance. Come hear and ask about what is being **witnessed** in the Capital District.

"Experience" **solitary confinement in a replica cell** like that used in correctional facilities.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

**6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

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161 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALBANY**

**Free and all are welcome, wheelchair accessible, refreshments will be served.**

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