Q: What is this legislation all about?
• It’s all about creating a safer, stronger DC.
• The central aim of the bill is to stop violent offenders from repeatedly victimizing our neighborhoods.
• Once we are linked to these violent offenders, we should maintain that link so that they cannot commit new crimes.

Q: Why focus on violent offenders?
• Unfortunately, there are a small number of violent offenders who repeatedly victimize our neighborhoods.
• 22 of the defendants arrested for murder this year were either on parole, probation, or awaiting trial in another criminal case at the time of the crime.
• Almost half, or 45%, of the defendants arrested for murder this year had prior gun-related arrests in DC.
• We know that by focusing on them, we can keep more DC residents safe.

Q: What does the bill do to fight violent crime?
• It creates a safer, stronger DC in five main ways.
• First, it makes it easier for law enforcement to hold accountable violent offenders awaiting trial and on parole.
• Second, it puts more cops on the street to deter and investigate crime.
• Third, it gives cash to homeowners, businesses, and churches to install security cameras.
• Fourth, it increases penalties for violent crimes committed on buses and trains, and at rec centers.
• And, fifth, it launches the most comprehensive body worn camera program in the country.
• To learn more, click HERE.

Q: I heard that this bill allows cops to stop and frisk.
• Some have alleged that the bill gives MPD unfettered power to stop anyone, anywhere, anytime. That’s 100% false.
• The new law would allow parole and probation agencies to search only the living quarters of violent offenders on supervised release.
• It doesn’t apply to cars, or to body searches, or to anyone walking on the street.

Q: Is this just another way to arrest more young black men?
• We’re not talking about arresting black men, but how we can save their lives. Did you know that more than 80% of all our murder victims this year are black men? We must do more to prevent the senseless loss of black lives, of all lives.

Q: Are security cameras and body cameras a slow creep toward big brother government?
• The bill creates an incentive program that encourages churches, homeowners, and businesses to install cameras to help deter and fight crime.
• When police officers wear body worn cameras, accountability is increased, police services are improved, and we are all better protected.

Q: What does the bill do to make public spaces safer?
• Individuals that commit violent crimes on public transit, at a bus stop, or at any District park or recreation center will face 1.5 times the maximum jail sentence and fine.
• When you get on a metro bus, when you ride the metro train, when you come to our parks and recreation centers, you should not take your life in your hands.