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COBA CONTRACT UPDATE

Dear COBA Members,

Last night, the Board of Tellers conducted the ratification vote tally for the tentative agreement with the City of New York.

After completing the vote, 1,493 members voted no and 1,099 members voted yes. Approximately 400 ballots were not eligible to be counted. The remaining portion of the membership did not vote. As the president of The Correction Officers’ Benevolent Association, I take full responsibility for these results.

It was my hope, had the contract passed, to begin getting your retro checks in your May paycheck. That will no longer be possible. In addition to not receiving the wage increases, the $5 million contribution to the Active Welfare Fund and the $5 million contribution to the Retiree Welfare fund will not happen. These contributions were going to be used to improve the optical, dental, and prescription drugs for you and your families.

Contracts are voted upon on the totality of the deal as a whole, not individual benefits.

Unfortunately, this comes at a time when our city, state, and nation face a national recession, millions of layoffs, cuts to city agencies, and financial uncertainty for an indefinite period of time.

We continue to fight the threats of the COVID-19 epidemic every day and will do everything possible to keep you safe.

Sincerely,

Elias Husamudeen
President