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STATEMENT FROM COBA PRESIDENT ELIAS HUSAMUDEEN REGARDING THE MAYOR'S TRIP TO IOWA TODAY

NEW YORK- "At a time when assaults on Correction Officers are rising, while punishments to assaultive inmates are declining, Mayor Bill de Blasio has left New York City for Iowa today to begin his political pursuit of winning the presidency. His absence from his real job is part of a continued pattern by the Mayor. Here's just a few examples: He was absent from the funeral of Correction Officer Stacey Bryan, who was murdered while sitting in her car while in uniform last year. He was absent when a Correction Officer was slashed across his neck by an inmate this year. He was absent when a Correction Officer was recently stomped in the head by an inmate, receiving stitches across his forehead. He was absent when a 311 called was made by an inmate who threatened to kill a Correction Officer and subsequently beat him unconscious the very next day. And as recent as this past Thursday, when Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark announced, at a press conference, the indictments of 15 inmates responsible for the brutal beating of a Correction Captain on Thanksgiving, he was absent again.

We want to know why, time and time again, when he was given the opportunity to genuinely show his support for Correction Officers in deeds, not just words, Mayor de Blasio has always been "missing in action?"

Our message to the Mayor is this: "Enough is enough, do your damn job already! Protect the 10,000 Correction Officers, who comprise the second-largest uniformed force in this city and who keep this city safe."

-Elias Husamudeen
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