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COBA, ALONG WITH OTHER NYC UNIFORMED UNIONS, IS GRANTED A TEMPORARY STAY FROM HAVING THEIR DISCIPLINARY RECORDS PUBLICLY DISCLOSED

In an important ruling in the ongoing battle to protect Correction Officers from having their disciplinary records disclosed to the public, a New York State Supreme Court Judge issued an Interim Stay today, preventing the New York City Department of Correction from publicly disclosing any records concerning disciplinary matters against individual Correction Officers that are non-final, unsubstantiated, unfounded, exonerated or resulted in a finding of not guilty (“Unsubstantiated and Non-Final Allegations”), or that regard settlement agreements entered into prior to June 12, 2020 relating to the repeal of New York Civil Rights Law Section 50-A.

This decision stems from a class action lawsuit COBA joined with the other New York City uniformed unions in an effort to seek judicial relief from having disciplinary records publicly disclosed, as mandated by the State Legislature's repeal of 50-A. This temporary stay will be in effect until the case proceeds to Federal Court.

"The repeal of 50-A, which occurred last month, was yet another reckless, politically driven effort to demonize uniformed civil servants, like our Correction Officers, in order to appease the growing anti-law enforcement agenda," said COBA President Benny Boscio. "While we are obviously pleased by the temporary stay issued today, we are preparing, along with our brother and sisters in the other uniformed agencies, for a long, intensive legal battle in Federal Court, where we will continue to protect the rights of our members."

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