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COBA PRESIDENT BENNY BOSCIO'S STATEMENT ON THE TRAGIC PASSING OF OFFICER EDWARD ROMAN

“Earlier today, the Correction Officers’ Benevolent Association was informed about the tragic death of our fellow Correction Officer, Edward Roman, who was assigned to the North Infirmary Command and had eleven years on the job. Correction Officer Roman was well liked and respected by his fellow officers. He had his whole life and career ahead of him. This tragedy is also a solemn reminder of the enormous stress Correction Officers face on a daily basis. The worsening conditions in our jails doesn’t just affect the inmates. Our officers go to work every day not knowing if they will return home the same way they left. They go to work every day not knowing if they will miss time with their loved ones because they are forced to work a double or triple shift. I call on the newly formed Rikers Task Force to immediately address the psychological toll this job takes on my members and to provide them with more access to counseling and other support services. Our hearts are broken and our thoughts and prayers are with Officer Roman’s family and his fellow officers. We will do everything we can to support them during this painful time”

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