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"PATROLLING THE TOUGHEST PRECINCTS IN NEW YORK"

# Press Release

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## **Statement from COBA President Elias Husamudeen on the Board of Correction's Call to Start Letting "High Risk" Inmates Out of Jail To Deal With COVID- 19**

"It's very sad that we have to remind the Board of Correction that their mandate, per the city's Charter, is to advocate for the welfare of everyone in the Correction Department, not just the inmates.

Their latest asinine proposal to start letting inmates out of jail who are "high risk" to this virus, regardless of their risk to public safety, is beyond irresponsible.

Instead of recklessly letting inmates out, call for the city to ramp up its efforts to bring in more masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, and other vital supplies for the men and women who must also put their health at risk by showing up to work every day, providing care, custody, and control. Correction Officers' lives matter too."

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