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COBA President Benny Boscio's Statement Regarding The U.S. Attorney's Agreement to Fix the City of New York's Non-Compliance With the Rikers Consent Judgement

"Today's announcement by the U.S. Attorney's Office is yet another distortion of the exemplary job Correction Officers are performing every day in an almost impossible environment. The recommendations laid forth in this agreement are straight out of the Legal Aid playbook, one sided and only concerned with compromising the safety of our officers by treating them like the criminals they are charged to supervise. The U.S. Attorney is correct when she references that the Department of Correction needs to fix 'systemic deficiencies that have continued to plague the jail system.'

These deficiencies include the 10% increase in inmate stabbing and slashing incidents last year, the rate of violent incidents among inmates that rose by 24.5% last year, and the rate of serious injuries to individuals as a result of these incidents that rose by 24%. All of this is contained in the most recent Mayor's Management Report. Concerning the Use of Forces, the reality is in nearly 67.7% of all Use of Force incidents there were no injuries to either inmates or officers. I invite the U.S. Attorney, the Federal Monitor, and anyone else who seeks to demonize my members to join me for a tour of the jails and see for themselves what's really going on."

- Benny Boscio
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