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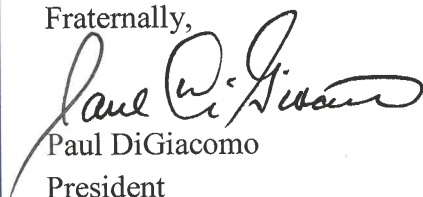
Dear Mayor Adams:

Now that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has relaxed its guidelines for COVID-19, we are writing to suggest that the City of New York reinstate NYPD Detectives who wish to remain on the job, but were severed from the Police Department because of their vaccination status.

As we all know, the New York Police Department is experiencing record retirements and personnel losses for a variety of reasons, including the refusal of New York State to rescind its anti-police laws, such as bail reform and the Diaphragm Compression Bill. However, even with these losses, the City refused to allow unvaccinated members of the service to remain in the Department, even at this critical time of escalating crime and rampant, deadly gun violence. In the rank of Detective alone, **340** Detectives left the Department in seven-and-a-half months of 2022, including seasoned Detectives who had decades of experience preventing, fighting, and solving crime. We are suffering severe shortages in the Detective Squads and, coupled with spiking crime, their case loads are untenable.

Herd immunity, prevalence of vaccines, routine masking, and new pharmaceuticals have rendered the coronavirus pandemic “under control.” We believe it would be beneficial for all concerned — especially the citizens of New York — if the Department would now reinstate any qualified Detective who wishes to return to the police force, regardless of their vaccination status. I would appreciate discussing this option with you further. I will call your office to inquire about setting up an appointment. Thank you for your consideration of our union’s position.

Fraternally,


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