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Judge Deborah A. Batts
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Batts,

I am the President of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 222. The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement organization in the country comprised of over 325,000 sworn law enforcement officers. Our Lodge consists primarily of Officers from the Metropolitan Correctional Center, New York.

I and several of our members had the opportunity yesterday to be present for the sentencing of Raheem Davis. As you are well aware this inmate had prior been convicted for his vicious attack on Correctional Officer Matthews. I wanted to take a moment on behalf of our membership and thank you for the sentence you imposed. We feel the sentence imposed will send a message to other inmates that an attack on a prison official is not viewed as less of an attack simply because it occurred in prison. Your actions are a boost to the morale of our membership who often feel that attacks on prison officials is seen by many as part of their job and not the serious attacks which they are.

Thank you for your comments at sentencing and the sentence which shows attacks on Correctional Officers at the MCC, even by those that "have nothing to lose" will still be taken seriously by the Court.

Fraternally yours,

Stephen A. Espinet,
President
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