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Dear Mr. Gottheim,

I have spoken to you in the past along with AFGE Vice President Hickman regarding our desire to have the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) provide gun lockers, agency badges, and improved credentials to their employees authorized to carry a weapon off-duty.

As I read the current events in the newspaper of another possible terrorist attack on the City, and specifically a possible attack on the transit system, I cannot help but think that resolution of our issues could also enhance the safety of the citizenry of New York. The fact is almost no Federal Law Enforcement Officials take public transportation. Most are issued government vehicles which they use for their commutes to and from work. The Bureau of Prisons, however, does not issue government vehicles to any of their staff. With limited parking at the Metropolitan Correctional Center and a transit subsidy program most of our staff utilize public transportation, 3 shifts a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Correctional Officials are trained to look for contraband, look for items and people that are suspicious and to react appropriately to such situations. Imagine in this time of heightened danger having trained armed law enforcement professionals on our subways and trains, at no additional cost to the taxpayer. If BOP staff were allowed to utilize gun lockers at the prison they could travel armed to and from work and add an armed law enforcement presence on our public transportation network at no additional cost to the taxpayers. BOP staff work all shifts, all days, and commute to all parts of the city and suburbs offering a broad array of free law enforcement coverage.

Whether it is Colin Ferguson or a terrorist on a train one armed trained law enforcement professional can make a difference and save lives. I hope you consider this information when considering our request to force the BOP to supply gun lockers, badges, and improved law enforcement credentials to their staff eligible to carry a firearm off-duty.

If you wish to discuss this aspect further I can be reached at (646) 836-6471.

Fraternally yours,

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