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May 17, 2018

Senator John Flanagan
President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
172 State St. Room 330
Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12247

Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Democratic Conference Leader
New York State Senate
188 State St. Room 907
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Dear President Flanagan and Senator Stewart-Cousins:

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Catherine E. Lhamon
Chair

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Speaker Carl Heastie
New York State Assembly
LOB 932
Albany, NY 12248

Assemblyman Brian Kolb
Minority Leader
LOB 933
Albany, NY 12248

Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti
Chair, Commission on Government Administration
LOB 744
Albany, NY 12248

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Benjamin B. Tucker
First Deputy Commissioner

Lawrence Byrne
Deputy Commissioner, Legal Matters

Susan Herman
Deputy Commissioner, Collaborative Policing

Raymond Spinella
Chief of Staff

Brian Conroy
Assistant Chief, School Safety

New York Police Department
Via email

Dear Commissioners Tucker, Byrne, and Herman, and Chiefs Spinella and Conroy:

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The Honorable Janet DiFiore
Chief Judge

The Honorable Lawrence K. Marks
Chief Administrative Judge

The Honorable Edwina G. Mendelson
Deputy Chief Administrative Judge
Office for Justice Initiatives

New York State Unified Court System
Office of Court Administration
25 Beaver Street
New York, NY 10004

Dear Judges DiFiore, Marks, and Mendelson:

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Jonathan Darche
Executive Director
Civilian Complaint Review Board
100 Church Street, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Darche:

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