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Mr. Lyman:

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I have read your letter of October 23, 2006 that responds to my letter to you of October 12, 2006 in relation to NYSCOPBA's law enforcement members. My letter to you was professional. Unfortunately, your response was an unprofessional personal attack full of campaign slogans.

Vice President,
Northern Region
Lyndon Johnson

I do not intend to respond in kind to your letter. As I emphasized in my original letter, our focus is on our law enforcement members. My letter to you was a sincere attempt to do the right thing for them. In the interests of truth and fairness, however, I do want to point out several things.

Vice President,
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Last year, after NYSCOPBA had begun its binding arbitration proceeding and submitted testimony to the arbitration panel, the parties to the correction lieutenants' binding arbitration proceeding (including Council 82) asked us to allow them to submit the transcript of my testimony, which pertained to the duties and responsibilities of correction officers and correction sergeants, at their hearing. They explained to us that this would allow them to save time and expense in the presentation of that case. In the interests of supporting a fellow union, we graciously agreed to do so. You seem to have forgotten this.

Vice President,
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Your letter attempts to shift, from Council 82 to NYSCOPBA, the responsibility for the long delay in negotiations for our law enforcement members. I remind you that the only reason NYSCOPBA is prevented from negotiating for its law enforcement employees is the decertification petitions now pending before PERB. If Council 82 and the other petitioning parties withdrew those petitions, negotiations for the affected law enforcement employees could begin immediately.

Vice President,
Southern Region
Willie Perez

Very truly yours,

Larry Flanagan, Jr.
President