

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3221**

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Governor Kathy Hochul  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Governor Hochul,

I am writing to demand answers about an alleged "NO CALL LIST" for former New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) employees who were terminated from employment following the strike earlier this year.

Following your arbitrary directive to terminate certain correctional officers without consideration for the impact on the safety and security of correctional facilities around the state, DOCCS has been slowly rehiring those COs through "call backs" with certain exceptions.

I was made aware that there exists within the Department a "NO CALL LIST" of approximately 200 individuals whom you and Commissioner Martuscello have determined are not to be offered employment. This list, circulated to Superintendents across the state, is an attempt to block dedicated COs from returning to work. It is important to note that these Superintendents, who know what their facilities need best, have urged you and the Commissioner to cease this retaliatory practice and rehire these individuals. Your repeated attacks on law enforcement put the public at greater risk every day, and your retaliatory behavior towards our correctional officers impacts the health and safety of prison staff and inmates.

I am requesting answers to the following questions.

- 1) What are the criteria you and the Commissioner used to determine the composition of this list of individuals who are not to be rehired?
- 2) Are the individuals on that list being targeted for expressing their opinions on the strike, the HALT Act, or other actions taken by your administration?

Commissioner Martuscello and you have engaged in coercive, unethical, and illegal actions against thousands of correctional officers and prison staff. This blacklist is just the latest in your abuses of power as you seek to bully and intimidate.

Our brave correctional officers and prison staff deserve better, and New Yorkers deserve to know about your underhanded revenge tactics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elise M. Stefanik". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ELISE STEFANIK  
Member of Congress