To Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Council:

We, the undersigned members of CWA Locals 1181 and 1182, strongly oppose any proposal to move Traffic Enforcement Agents out of the NYPD and back into the Department of Transportation. Despite our vital role making our City run and our position as First Responders, a role highlighted in the COVID-19 pandemic, we are severely underpaid and face significant abuse on the job. We know that if we lose NYPD status, things will only get worse. If we leave the NYPD, the number of physical assaults and insults against us will increase.

We strongly support police reform. We believe that Black Lives Matter.

But this proposal does nothing to reform the NYPD. Instead, it simply shifts budget costs from one agency to another. It will have no impact at all on the very real issues that must be addressed if meaningful police reform is to take place.

We call on Mayor de Blasio and the New York City Council to reject this proposal and keep Traffic Enforcement Agents in the NYPD.