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Dear Ms. Costanzo:

Your letter to OATH Deputy Commissioner Amy Slifka, dated April 15, 2020, was referred to me for response.

Your concerns regarding the health and safety of your members at OATH's borough offices will be addressed at the appropriate time. As previously advised, DCAS and DOHMH have not yet set forth a plan for the safe reconstitution of the office.

When OATH receives the recommendations, these matters will be discussed with the union in the ordinary course and in a manner consistent with the terms of the contract.

The borough offices will re-open at the earliest on May 15, 2020. The members who are not satisfied with the safety measures announced are under no obligation to schedule themselves to hear matters pending before the Tribunal.

Finally, in order to better address Hearing Officer concerns, I respectfully request that, going forward, your members address their concerns by letter to me, preferably collectively, and not piecemeal in emails sent to various members of OATH executive staff.

Very truly yours,

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