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## **SBA AND PRESIDENT ED MULLINS REMAIN STEADFAST AMID THREATS OF SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION**

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New York – Yesterday, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, attorneys for the SBA and President Ed Mullins sought a preliminary and permanent injunction to stop the unconstitutional efforts by the NYPD and CCRB to retaliate against him and silence him for statements he made while acting in his capacity as SBA President.

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Unfortunately, the Court decided that the case was not ripe for intervention and as a result, President Mullins will be tried on the Fourth Floor at One Police Plaza next week. In our opinion, the outcome of the trial is predetermined. The NYPD and CCRB have filed disciplinary charges against President Mullins and have repeatedly interrogated him as a result of his constitutionally protected speech. They have also threatened President Mullins with suspension and termination. The City, through the NYPD and CCRB, is conducting this sham proceeding in an effort to abridge President Mullins' right to freedom of speech under the First Amendment, to intimidate him and silence his advocacy for law enforcement and the SBA, and to save political face from their own innumerable failings and shortcomings.

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The City's charges against President Mullins are an unprecedented and misguided attempt to inhibit and silence the SBA, and President Mullins, its duly elected president, from speaking about matters of public concern in his capacity as a union leader. This is a blatant violation of President Mullins' First Amendment rights and a direct affront to his duties to advocate on behalf of the thousands of active and retired men and women of the SBA.

The City's attempts to suppress President Mullins' political speech, which is protected by the First Amendment, is a reckless and retaliatory tactic intended to shield City leaders from political criticism and accountability.

Rest assured that the SBA and President Mullins remain steadfast in their duties and their commitment to the men and women of the SBA and in standing up for the rights and interests of law enforcement in New York City and across the Country.

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