I am a resident of NYC and I am contacting Robert Cohen about the mail ban on Rikers Island and within other borough jails. The Board of Corrections needs to be firm and insistent in applying pressure on the DOC to prevent this cruel ban, or they become complicit in making a bad situation worse. Instead of making anyone on Rikers safer, this ban infringes on people's right to confidential communication with their attorney, undermines their access to community resources, and further isolates them from their loved ones. If the BOC has any real interest in people's safety, they must ensure that the Department of Corrections abandon this punitive ban.

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