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**Teamsters Local 700 President Ramon D. Williams Demanding Sheriff Dart
Revise the Upcoming Bid Process**

Chicago, IL: Teamsters Local 700 demands Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart revise the upcoming bid at the Cook County Department of Corrections. The reduction of bids in units inside and outside the CCDOC Compound is entirely unacceptable, and the Sheriff is using his emergency powers to restrict the bid process and take away your rights as officers.

Teamsters Local 700 President Ramon D. Williams issued the following statement:

The level to which Sheriff Tom Dart has disrespected our Officers and disregarded their safety has reached a new high. The drastic cuts the Sheriff has made to certain units in the upcoming bid are wholly unacceptable because they jeopardize the health and safety of our members.

Rather than acknowledge his own lack of preparedness for the situation, Sheriff Dart has decided to once again abuse his officers, using them as a stop gap for his failure to plan ahead. If the Sheriff would have taken the union's recommendations from the past year, he would not be carelessly disrupting both the work lives and home lives of corrections officers

The inaction of the Sheriff in this matter, along with his failure to act in so many other situations during the COVID-19 pandemic equates to dereliction of duty, and he should be held accountable.

We demand the Sheriff remove the ART unit from the bid, and place those spots back in External Operations and other divisions where cuts were made. We must stand together as Teamster Brothers and Sisters, and let the Sheriff know we will not stand for his incompetence. We will continue to fight for your rights on all fronts using all of our resources until this issue is resolved.

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