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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO APPEARS LIVE ON FOX NEWS' SUNDAY  
MORNING FUTURES WITH MARIA BARTIROMO**

**Maria Bartiromo:** Welcome back. New York City, the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Now, as things are slowly beginning to look better there, how will the City handle the reopening? Joining me right now is the boss, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. Mr. Mayor, it's great to have you this morning. Thanks very much for being here. I want to ask you that question right here. How will a reopening of New York look? What industries are poised to open first? And when do you see that happening?

**Mayor Bill de Blasio:** Thank you, Maria. Well, first of all, Maria, you are a proud New Yorker, proud Brooklynite by background, you know how tough and resilient this city is. So, the first thing I want to say is we will be back. We will be strong. In fact, we will be stronger. And we're going to create a city that builds on our previous success and comes back stronger and fairer. I believe we can do this. And I already see the naysayers out there saying, oh, New York City's not going to be able to come back. New York City fought back after the fiscal crisis. We fought back after 9/11. We fought back after Hurricane Sandy. We will fight back again.

**Bartiromo:** So, how do you do it?

**Mayor:** What we need – there's no question in my mind, we must have the support of the federal government to do this, because, right now, to be able to have a strong economy again and really restart we have to be able to provide the basic services that have made this place work – police, fire, sanitation, health care, education. The things I have made New York City strong and allowed us to get through this crisis are now in the crosshairs because we've lost \$7.4 billion – that's our projection from our budget – \$7.4 billion in lost revenue, \$3.5 billion in new expenses to pay for the coronavirus and the fight to save lives – over \$10 billion combined. The federal government must make us whole for us to be able to be in a position to restart. If we're not whole, if New York City's not whole, it will drag down the entire region and it will hold the entire national economic restart. If we are whole –

**Bartiromo:** So, how much money do you want, Mr. Mayor? How much money do you need from the federal government?

**Mayor:** All the money that's been lost and will be lost – the lost revenue. And this is true for New York and cities and States around the country. We need seven point \$7.4 billion. That's how much we've lost, that's how much we need to get back. Just like the federal government bailed out the airline industry to the tune of \$58 billion, bail out the largest city in the country so we can

restart and be able to be strong leaders in an economic revitalization in this country. If we get that –

**Bartiromo:** Let me – let me ask you this. Are you using this crisis to take us into socialism? I just saw you on the press conference. You said this, the bigger picture of a fair recovery for all confronts structural, economic, and racial inequalities. Are you looking to change things that have nothing to do with the coronavirus and we're not impacted by that, Mr. Mayor?

**Mayor:** Maria, I'm looking to go at the very things that the coronavirus crisis has dredged up and we've seen it all over the country. There are vast health care disparities that have come up that must be addressed for the good of all of us. It's the right thing to do, but also to have a strong healthy society. But, Maria, what I'm talking about in the first instance when we talk about just getting on our feet again, I think we all can count here, if we're missing \$7.4 billion, and now we heard today there may be additional State budget cuts looming on top of that, that will hit New York City and the whole rest of the state we won't be able to provide the basic services and have the personnel we need who do that amazing work. You know, we're talking about the heroes, the first responders, the health care workers, the essential workers – these are the folks who need to keep their jobs, going forward, if we're going to have a healthy recovery, and if we are losing billions and billions of dollars, how on earth are we supposed to do that?

**Bartiromo:** Okay. You know what, I want to talk more about this. People are worried about the air in New York, they're worried about the hospitals, they want to know when they can get back to work. Let's take a short break, because I want to take a look at New York even before this – you were having issues even before the coronavirus, people were leaving, crime is up. Mayor de Blasio is with us live. We're looking ahead on Sunday Morning Futures, and we'll be right back.

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**Bartiromo:** Welcome back. I'm back with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio. Mr. Mayor, honestly, I need an hour with you. There's so many important things to cover in New York. You made a very good case just there, you said that the city needs to be made whole. Number-one – how are the conversations going with President Trump? Are you going to get that money? And, number-two, Mr. Mayor, something that you know I've been railing about the inmates being let out. Now, coronavirus is ripping through our prison systems and now you're letting inmates out. The New York Post with headline, dozens of New York City inmates back in jail after coronavirus relief. You're letting them out, they're committing crimes and going right back in. Even before this, between January and March, on the heels of your bail reform law, car thefts up 65 percent; robbers up 24 percent; burglaries up 22 percent. We know you have your hands full, Mayor. What are you going to do about it?

**Mayor:** Well, I'll come to your question about the President in a moment, Maria. Real quick – there was a bail reform law passed by the State of New York – not the City, the State of New York. There was some things I thought needed to be better. In fact, a lot of us agreed – Governor Cuomo and I, and many others agreed there needed to be changes, and the State Legislature did make important changes a few weeks ago and I think it's going to help us fight crime. But remember, the NYPD has done a remarkable job. Crime in New York City, today – the last time

it was this low was the 1950s. So, we've had some challenges last few months, but, overall, crime continues to go down in New York City. NYPD has done an amazing job. In terms of the folks who were in our jail system, we let 1,400 out who either have very low-level offenses or had an immediate health danger because of the coronavirus. They're being monitored. When the jails are able to – and the court system gets back up and running, we'll bring back anyone that needs to be brought back. Some have done the wrong thing and they'll pay the consequences. The vast majority haven't, but it was about protecting lives of Correction Officers and inmates in a humanitarian crisis.

President Trump and I have spoken several times about the stimulus. Look, I've given President Trump credit when he's helped in New York City, and sometimes he and his team have done a great job at that. You and I, Maria, talked about Peter Navarro, and the effort to get us supplies and equipment that's been deeply, deeply appreciated. And I've thanked the President for that. Where I've been in disagreement with him is, he has still not spoken up for the stimulus to help cities and states. And he needs to speak up with energy to move the Senate. He understands the economy. He understands New York City. If we can't pay for basic services, we won't have a strong economy. We need to hear the President's voice. We're not hearing it so far.

**Bartromo:** Mr. Mayor, I want you to come back to talk about what New York City and New York will look like when we get out of this. I want to know what the subways are going to look like. Are they going to be different? I want to know in terms of getting back to our – will you come back soon so we can talk about that, because we haven't covered enough. Mr. Mayor, it's great to have you today. Thank you, sir.

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