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It has come to our attention that the DOCS/OMH/OMRDD plan to effectuate the massive layoffs recently released (to the newspapers and press) hinges on the Superintendent of each facility and worksite bringing each Chief Steward into their office and asking them to supply ideas, as well as, specific posts to close. This clearly illustrates that they announced an idea before they had a plan.

NYSCOPBA appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the decision making, but it comes a day late and a dollar short. If DOCS wanted our input they should have asked many many months ago. NYSCOPBA will not allow our members to be used as pawns. DOCS now wants our own members to turn on each other in an effort to facilitate their dangerous staffing plan. We will not be part of a poorly designed plan to lay off over 2,000 Correction staff and 2,500 OMH and OMRDD staff.

IMPORTANT: NYSCOPBA will only participate in one aspect of these decisions. If you are asked what posts or what jobs you would recommend for closing, there is ONLY ONE RATIONAL ANSWER: "Cut the administration and their perks, not our front line officers."

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