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STATEMENT BY NYSCOPBA PRESIDENT DONN ROWE ON THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL TO CLOSE STATE PRISONS

Donn Rowe, President of the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association (NYSCOPBA) released the following statement today in response to the Executive Budget Proposal to close state prisons:

"The Department of Corrections' proposal to close four prisons is a direct threat to the public safety of all New Yorkers and will jeopardize the safety of inmates and the brave men and women who serve as New York's correctional officers. If enacted, the closures will make New York's tough times even tougher by damaging a prison system that is already overcrowded and understaffed. Any cuts to the Department of Corrections should start with the top-heavy bloated bureaucracy within the agency and not the safety of the public."