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STATEMENT FROM NYSCOPBA PRESIDENT DONN ROWE ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S 2012-2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL

"By serving the public in some of the most difficult and dangerous jobs in New York State, NYSCOPBA members are on the front line of public safety everyday. And as we have argued for months, the system is at a breaking point.

"For that reason, we commend Governor Andrew Cuomo for acknowledging the difficult and dangerous work of the men and women of NYSCOPBA. In the budget he proposed today, Governor Cuomo is holding harmless the corrections officers who serve without complaint, and have never asked for special treatment.

"However, we do not support Governor Cuomo's efforts to devalue the earned benefits of NYSCOPBA members with yet another new pension tier. We urge the legislature to reject this effort. Our members earn these benefits, and the Cuomo Administration must recognize that shifting the burden to those New Yorkers who can least afford it is an unfair and shortsighted policy."

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