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## **NYSCOPBA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERING POLICE OFFICERS**

New York State Correctional Officers Police Benevolent Association President Larry Flanagan today announced NYSCOPBA's full support for legislation authorizing capital punishment or life without parole for murdering an employee of the Department of Correctional Services, Police Officers or Peace Officers.

"The time has come to reinstate the death penalty for people who kill police officers and DOCS employees," Flanagan said. "Local police, State Troopers, Peace Officers, and Correction Officers all over the state dedicate their lives to protecting New York families. Violent killers who choose to murder one of our brothers or sisters deserve the harshest punishment available under the law."

Flanagan noted that legislation has been introduced in the Senate and Assembly to address this issue, and urged both houses to pass their bills as soon as possible. Senator Martin Golden has introduced S.319, and Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito has introduced A.7799.

"With the recent tragic deaths of members of the law enforcement community, this issue was on the front-burner. We need to make sure that reinstating the death penalty doesn't fade away with the next news cycle. Members of law enforcement deserve better," Flanagan said. "We should honor their commitment by letting violent criminals know it will never be 'open season' on men and women in uniform in New York."

President Flanagan said he will urge the more than 20,000 NYSCOPBA members to let their legislative representatives in Albany know that they fully support passage of this critical public-safety legislation.

Flanagan noted that NYSCOPBA members will always do what is necessary to support law enforcement in New York, regardless of what beat they walk.

"Correctional Officers work on the front lines supervising some of the worst-of-the-worst inside prison walls. We know more than most what violent criminals are capable of. We want our counterparts on the other side of the prison walls to know that we honor their service." Flanagan said.