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Mr. William West, Chairman, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee
NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.
194 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12210

Dear Mr. West:

Thank you for contacting my office on behalf of the New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association to express your support for legislative initiatives that would benefit public employees for certain military duty. I appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

As you know, A.1489-A would authorize an additional sixty days or fifty-two working days military leave for public employees who are absent on military duty. Such leave to be in addition to any leave authorized for such employees in state contract. The Assembly passed this important measure on June 10, 2002 and it was sent to the Senate for their consideration.

Additionally, A.8339-A would provide credit to members of public retirement systems for military service rendered during periods of conflict. The Assembly Governmental Employees Committee is currently reviewing this bill. Please be assured that your thoughts will be useful in future discussions concerning this legislative initiative.

Thank you again for becoming involved in this important process and for keeping me up to date on matters that are important to the NYSCOPBA.

Sincerely,

SHELDON SILVER
Speaker

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