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NYSCOPBA Applauds IDC Conference with Senate Republicans

President Powers Supports 2017 Senate Coalition

Albany , NY – NYSCOPBA today applauded yesterday’s announcement by the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) and Senator Jeffrey Klein to continue the coalition with Senate Republicans for the upcoming legislative session.

“Senator Klein and the IDC have been supportive of the welfare of our membership and our concerns for improving the safety of our prisons, not only for the staff members, but the inmates as well. I was proud to have been asked by Senator Klein to sit in on the first New York State Summit on Synthetic Marijuana, known on the streets and in the prisons as K2. K2 has become the drug of choice inside our prisons and we have had several officers injured over the past couple of years by inmates that were high on it. Senator Klein was one of the first legislators to recognize the danger this drug poses.

The IDC also recognizes the need to fight for the middle class, many who live in upstate communities where our prisons are located. Our members are an important part of the middle class and the struggling economies in those communities. We welcome the support and vision that the IDC brings to the majority coalition and their commitment to improve the standard of living for all of us in this great state,” said Michael Powers, NYSCOPBA President.