

Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the NYSCOPBA Executive Board, I'd like to provide you with an update regarding the prison closures that were authorized as part of this year's enacted Executive Budget.

Today, DOCCS Administration notified us of their plan to shut down two prisons — not three. Livingston Correctional Facility and Lincoln Correctional Facility are slated for closure. NYSCOPBA is prepared to tirelessly advocate on behalf of those negatively impacted. First and foremost, there will be no layoffs. This certainly doesn't ease the pain and frustration of those who will be impacted, but I promise each and every member from Livingston and Lincoln that we will do all we can to make this transition as smooth as possible. As such, we are working with DOCCS on placement of every single member during this time, and we have agreed to an additional revision period. Additionally, Union representatives will be on hand at both facilities to assist with questions regarding the process.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

In Unity,

Michael B. Powers
President, NYSCOPBA