

## Senator Gallivan Calls on Governor to Rescind Order That Bars CO's From Working for NYS

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## Executive Order Impacts 2,000 Corrections Officers Statewide

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan, (R-C, Elma) and members of the Senate Minority

Conference penned a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul calling for her to rescind Executive

Order No. 47.3. Enacted in response to strikes at correctional facilities statewide, the order

bars 2,000 terminated state corrections officers from working for the State of New York or

local agencies.

The letter calls the order punitive and cites the negative impact it will have, not only on the correction officers, but also the members of the National Guard that must continue to serve in New York's prisons because of the lack of adequate staffing.

"The Executive Order is the wrong thing to do and unfair to the corrections officers and their families," Senator Gallivan said. "These individuals acted out of concern for their safety inside our prisons. They should be given the opportunity to seek alternative employment with other state agencies or local governments."

The letter also points out how the Executive Order impacts sheriff departments that run county jails across New York. Barring employment for 2,000 trained correction officers will make it more difficult for county jails to hire the officers they need.