

NYS Senator Tom O'Mara encourages you to help

KEEP MONTEREY OPEN!

On July 26, 2013, the Cuomo administration announced its plan to close the Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility in Schuyler County and three other upstate correctional facilities over the next 12 months.

The scheduled closing of Monterey is more tough news for our region, which is already reeling from devastating job losses, and it arrives on the heels of the Cuomo administration's announcement earlier this year that it also plans to shut down inpatient services at the Elmira Psychiatric Center.

The goals of downsizing and cost-effectiveness in government are moves in the right direction. But the Cuomo administration's approach appears to be taking a particular toll on our region and other upstate communities – and it's not making fiscal or programmatic sense.

Monterey was New York's first "shock" facility. For more than 25 years, Monterey has stood as an innovative and successful corrections initiative. The unique blend of counseling, education and treatment at our shock facilities has saved the state over a billion dollars during this time.

In particular, the participation of Monterey inmates in numerous community service and enhancement projects across a four-county region for more than two decades has been invaluable. During the past six years alone, Monterey inmate work crews have saved local communities and taxpayers nearly \$6 million!

There are currently 124 locally based employees at the Monterey facility.

Closing Monterey puts local jobs (and the families and communities who depend on them) at risk. It will result in significant local tax increases.

And it diminishes the effectiveness of New York State's system of correctional services. The administration and staff of Monterey, past and present, have turned around numerous lives that were once at a dead-end but that, today, are productive and successful.

You can help Keep Monterey Open! by signing this petition to support the efforts of Senator O'Mara and other local, state and federal leaders give voice to the fundamental importance of the Monterey Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility.

Thank you.

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