



New York State Legislature

July 20, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor
Executive Chamber, New York State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

We write with concern regarding the timeframe of prison closures, which will have a significant impact on the thousands of employees and their families employed by the prisons, other prison employees across the state who will be required to transfer as a result of the impending closures, and all of the communities in New York State where prisons exist and employees live.

Closing prisons is a state-wide issue affecting thousands of jobs which will require the filing of transfer papers and the potential for employees to have to make life-changing decisions, including selling homes and finding new places to live. As we learn more about the process, it has become apparent that the existing 60-day period is not sufficient.

In addition, as you know, the WARN Act that governs private companies requires a 90-day notification period. Equitable rights should be afforded to state workers.

As a result, we respectfully request extending the 60-day time period originally set to 90 days for all seven facilities.

We look forward to your response, and we appreciate your attention to this very serious matter.

Respectfully,

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38th Senate District

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson
36th Senate District

Senator David Valesky
49th Senate District

Senator Patrick Gallivan
59th Senate District

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Interested parties