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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Staff

SUBJ: Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

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By Legislative action, our two agencies, the Division of Parole and the Department of Correctional Services have become one, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

The merging of our two agencies comes at the right time and for the right reasons. Together we are an agency of over 31,000 employees responsible for over 100,000 offenders. The better we provide in-prison treatment programs and supervised assistance under community supervision, the safer our prisons and communities become.

In the next few days a detailed fact sheet will be provided explaining the many elements of the new department as defined by the Governor and Legislature. Following close behind will be the coming together of operational components in order to develop new procedures necessary to allow for a smooth transformation.

As time progresses, the two agencies will become one, with one common purpose and comprehensive mission understood by staff, offenders and the communities we serve.

We believe the goal set for all of us by the Governor and the Legislature can be met given the professionalism of our combined staff. Each agency, individually, has shown what can be accomplished in New York. Together, with all your continued efforts, we are positioned to dramatically increase our effectiveness.

Andrea W. Evans
Parole Board Chairwoman

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