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### **PANJ PRESIDENT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER BUDGET IMPASSE**

Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) President Dwight Covaleskie released the following statement in response to the budget impasse in Trenton:

“On behalf of the nearly three thousand probation officers and supervisors work hard and play by the rules, the Probation Association of New Jersey is disappointed with the current budget impasse in Trenton, which is adversely affecting our members and their families.

While the stalemate moves past the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend, our nearly three thousand probation officers, supervisors and over 35,000 other state workers and their families are having their lives severely disrupted. The Courts will be closed, except for emergencies. Child support payments and restitution checks to victims may not be processed. Road projects will be shut down and critical government services will be unavailable, further putting New Jersey’s soft economy into a tailspin.

This shutdown hurts all citizens of the State of New Jersey.

We call upon the Governor and the State Legislature to work diligently towards an agreement on a budget and stop playing politics with people’s lives.”