

July 6th, 2017
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Government Shutdown Update

Brothers and Sisters,

We are in receipt of the Broadcast Message that you received. We are just as surprised and frustrated as you are. We will be filing a statewide grievance on behalf of both units to make us whole. We know that you were ready, willing and able to work when the state government shut down.

As Judiciary employees we have a duty to attempt to mitigate our own damages. The NJ Department of Labor website has information about filing for unemployment. We have heard other unions putting out information on how to file for unemployment. We have attached a hyperlink with the most current information. Please pay close attention to the criteria needed in order to file a claim, not everyone will be eligible; <https://njsuccess.dol.state.nj.us/html/uimain.html>

We are hearing that the members of the Legislature are currently talking about paying us versus not paying us, via newspaper articles and press releases. We are working with our Lobbyists to obtain factual information out of either the Assembly or Senate and we will pass it along.

We have heard from so many of you today about our position. Our position has been the same all week. We know that we were ready, willing and able to work. Our position is that we should have all been at work on Monday, and because you were instructed to not report to work you should be paid for the day. PANJ feels strongly about our position and we will file whatever is needed and necessary.

This is a fast moving issue. As soon as we know more information or have any updates we will share with you. Since we are back at work we will send email updates to your Local Presidents, place the information on our website; at PANJ.org, and our Facebook page; Probation Association of New Jersey.

Your patience in these matters is greatly appreciated.

In Solidarity,
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