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Government Shutdown Update

Brothers and sisters,

There is bipartisan legislation sponsored by Senate President Stephen Sweeney (D), Senator Kip Bateman (R) and longtime PANJ ally, Senator Linda Greenstein (R), to ensure furloughed employees will receive compensated pay. The legislation would modify the budget which was passed last week and direct that all workers under the Executive branch, Judicial branch and Legislative branch receive their full salary during the State shutdown.

The Senate President has called for an Emergency Voting Session on Thursday morning to consider the legislation. No bill has been introduced as of yet, and it is still in draft form.

Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto has requested through a letter that the Governor use his executive authority to authorize back pay to state workers who were furloughed from July 1 to July 3. The Assembly Speaker said that he would wait for a response from the Governor's office before introducing a bill in the lower house.

A spokesman for Governor Christie said that the Governor would consider a bill after it passes through the legislature.

As soon as we have more information we will share with you. 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.

In Solidarity,

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