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# Presidential Newsletter

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**By, George P. Christie, President**

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After months of hard work with our officers, government affairs representatives, lawyers, and legislative supporters, we successfully introduced into the New Jersey Legislature new enabling transfer legislation to accompany ACR116 & SCR91, the concurrent resolution which proposes to amend the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to enact a statute to establish a Bureau of Probation in the State Parole Board.

The bill is once again being sponsored by a true advocate for our safety, as well the safety of the communities we serve, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson. Joining him on the bill is the chair of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee, Assemblyman Charles Mainor.

The new version of the bill, A3864, which transfers probation employees from Judiciary to State Parole Board, seeks to move probation officers into the executive branch while addressing several concerns the AOC has with our transfer. Our focus is to have the bill heard, along with the concurrent resolution.

I don't have to tell you how important it is for us to keep up the fight to move to the executive branch of government, where we can receive the necessary training to do our jobs effectively to protect New Jersey residents from offenders. PANJ has recorded since 2001, at least 130 murders committed by active probationers. The victims included 4 police officers and 1 NJSP officer. Not to mention the tens of thousands of bench warrants that exist in the State. These statistics should not exist and I look forward to working with you all to get both the concurrent resolution and the accompanying enabling transfer legislation passed by the Legislature.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.