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### **PANJ PRESIDENT OPPOSES GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S PROPOSED PENSION CUTS**

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Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) President Dwight Covaleskie released the following statement today in response to Governor Christie's cuts to the state's pension system:

"On behalf of nearly three thousand probation officers and supervisors, the Probation Association of New Jersey is deeply concerned with the Governor's announcement today that he plans to break his promise to public workers by once again shortchanging funding to the state pension system.

Cutting pension funding is a short-term gimmick that will only dig our state into deeper debt and instability. As a result of past governors in both parties skipping billions of dollars in payments, our state pension system remains underfunded and unstable. It is simply unfair that our hard-earned retirement benefits are at risk due to the fiscal mismanagement of political leaders.

We look forward to working with our legislative leaders in finding reasonable solutions to New Jersey's budget crisis that will not jeopardize the retirements of hard-working, middle-class New Jerseyans."

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