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BRIAN FISCHER
COMMISSIONER

June 18, 2010

Mr. Donn Rowe
President
NYSCOPBA
102 Hackett Blvd.
Albany, New York 12209

Re: Closure Notification Update

Dear Mr. Rowe:

On January 19, 2010, I formally informed you and others that under Correction Law Section 79-a(3), I planned to close four correctional facilities within the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Specifically, Lyon Mountain Correctional Facility in Clinton County and the minimum security component of Butler Correctional Facility in Wayne County would be closed as of January 31, 2011. In addition, Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility in Essex County and Ogdensburg Correctional Facility in St. Lawrence County would be closed as of March 31, 2011.

I have been advised that the Article 7 Public Protection bill, which has passed the State Assembly and will then be taken up by the State Senate, will allow for the continued operation of Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility and Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. If the Senate passes this bill, then at the direction of the Governor, I will take the following actions.

I will rescind the statutorily-required closure notice with regard to Moriah Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility and Ogdensburg Correctional Facility. I will further confirm to you, if both houses of the Legislature pass this Article 7 bill, these facilities will not close as previously determined. Moreover, no closure notice regarding either of these facilities will be issued by this administration in the coming months. Any decision regarding the future of both correctional facilities will be left to the next administration.

Subject to the Article 7 bill passing the Senate, I will be sending a similar letter to the staff at each facility through the superintendents and will also be informing State and local representatives as required by statute.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Fischer', written over a white background.

Brian Fischer
Commissioner