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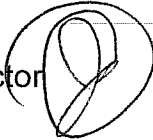
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Council 82 Local Leaders

FROM: James Lyman, Council 82 Executive Director 

DATE: June 4, 2009

RE: Pensions Under Attack

As you may know, Governor Paterson vetoed a bill yesterday which would have extended statutory language to ensure that all future police officers continue to receive the current pension benefits earned by current police officers, and we fully expect that the Governor will next go after the pensions of future corrections officers, deputy sheriffs, and everyone else in law enforcement.

We are currently coordinating our efforts with other law enforcement unions across the State to secure a Legislative override to the Governor's veto and to deter any attacks on the other pensions, and it is expected that all of the law enforcement unions will demonstrate at the Capitol in the middle of June. **Council 82 itself will be mobilizing against the Governor's plans in a Lobby Day at the State Capitol scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009.** In that regard, we need as many of our members as possible to be there on the 9<sup>th</sup> to meet with Senate and Assembly members on this and other issues of importance to our members. Council 82 will be providing double occupancy hotel rooms on Monday night to all members who will be attending the Lobby Day on Tuesday. Please contact Dick Stevens at 518-573-9487 to let him know how many members of your Local will be in attendance.

Law enforcement officers have earned and have paid for the decent pensions they now receive. If the Governor's veto is not overridden, and he vetoes the extenders for the other law enforcement pensions, law enforcement in New York State will forever change. We need to move quick and stand strong on this issue.