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**TROOPERS IN FULL SUPPORT OF PROBATION OFFICERS TRANSFER TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

The State Troopers Fraternal Association firmly supports the amendment proposed to move our valued PANJ officers into the executive branch of state government. Seeing how the judicial branch is unable to fully avail itself of the law enforcement capabilities of these fine men and women, it should be clear that this resource of approximately three thousand strong can best serve the state of New Jersey with the enhanced empowerment of the executive branch. The ability to have this many trained professionals, with statewide law enforcement powers and the ability to defend the citizens would be a boon to public safety at minimal cost in these difficult fiscal times. Crime in our inner cities, where these officers most often go thus giving them a deep understanding of the environment and its citizens, is on the rise and our young people are dying at an alarming rate. We know that by supporting ACR 66 and A4458, the State of New Jersey will gain a great benefit and these officers will be given the opportunity to serve in a complete law enforcement mission to everyone's benefit. The STFA urges our legislators and public to support PANJ and these legislative proposals.

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