Comments before the Board of State Prison Commissioners

December 17, 2012

- AFSCME Local 4041 thanks the Board of State Prison Commissioners its interest and concerns regarding safety in the State Prisons.

- As AFSCME stated at the October 15, 2012 Commissioners' meeting, Prison staffing levels are accidents waiting to happen. Staffing minimums are a moving goal post.

- We ask that the staffing analysis include all Prison staff not just administration and managers. For it is the rank and file staff who are impacted by the conditions personally and directly on a daily basis.

- We ask that the findings of the staffing analysis be made public and that Commissioners place the matter on its agenda for discussion and input from the public.

- We also ask that the staffing matter be supported by the Commissioners before the Legislature in the upcoming session.

- Staffing safety must not wait to be addressed in some future Legislative Session. The lives and well being of all are at stake.

Thank you.