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## Statement from Senator George Borrello on the Strikes Happening at Collins and Elmira Correctional Facilities

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“The dangerous and deteriorating working conditions within our state prisons have reached a crisis point. These unsafe environments have led to countless injuries among the corrections staff, severely impacting both their physical well-being and morale. The overworked, underappreciated personnel continue to face daily hazards, all while enduring the incompetence of a governor who fails to act and a legislature that, driven by pro-criminal policies, offers no relief.

The so-called "pro-labor" Senate Majority members, who have championed strikes and protests to demand better working conditions in other sectors, seem to have completely ignored the struggles of those who risk their lives daily behind prison walls. While they claim to stand for workers' rights, they have turned their backs on the dedicated corrections staff whose safety and livelihoods depend on decisive action and real change. The hypocrisy is undeniable, and the consequences are disastrous.

I stand with those who put their own safety on the line every day. They deserve our respect and support.”