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Members,

As most of you have probably heard by now, we have been placed on the proverbial “chopping block” again.

Yesterday, our governor and the democratic leadership held a secret meeting in which they came up with a proposed budget. This budget calls for further cuts to DOJ/DLE to the tune of 71 million dollars. 35 million dollars in cuts for the remainder of the 2010 -2011 budget and 36 million dollars in cuts for the 2011 – 2012 budget. This proposed budget will be put to a vote this afternoon at 1600 hours! The governor and the democratic leadership held this meeting in secrecy so that no one could lobby against this proposal. These cuts would essentially eliminate bureaus within DLE and lead to lay-offs.

So far, our department and CSLEA have done a great job minimizing and avoiding take-a-ways while the state has cut 12 billion dollars from the General Fund and others areas.

I will tell you that AG Kamala Harris, Director Wallace and Deputy Director Lopes worked until late last night making telephone calls when this news hit the airwaves. Also, CSLEA President Alan Barcelona and CSLEA Lobbyist Coby Pizzotti have been in constant contact with me during these latest developments and are working hard on our behalf.

Yesterday evening the ASA-DOJ Board of Directors met via conference call and have been briefed by me on the current developments and can be contacted by the membership if you have questions regarding this issue.

We are in constant contact with our department’s leadership team and CLSEA trying to obtain a clear and accurate picture so that we can take the appropriate course of action.

I will do my best to keep you all informed as information continues to filter in. I have learned that these types of stressful situations are fertile grounds for rumors. If you have any questions contact your ASA-DOJ Board of Directors and they will give you the most accurate and updated information or get it for you.



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