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Honorable David Paterson  
Governor  
State of New York  
State Capital  
Albany, New York 12224

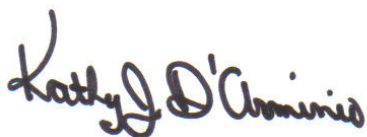
Dear Governor Paterson:

I am a concerned New York State citizen, a proud employee of the state of New York and a member of the Public Employees Federation. I realize the budget process can be very frustrating, but why do you take out these frustrations on your very own employees. NY state employees have already sacrificed during this fiscal crisis. Many of the agencies are working understaffed and our members are doing the job of two workers. The state workforce has been reduced by 4,500 positions since 2008 and 30,000 positions since 1990. You have robbed your very own state employees of their much-deserved negotiated 4 per cent pay increase while continuing to pay and provide raises to high paid consultants. Now, you want to take an additional 20% of their salaries through furloughs !

Your comment as quoted in the press – “I do not care if I get sued. I have been sued before,” tells me and the citizens of New York State that you truly do not care if you continue to trample on your employees’ lives. The action of furloughing state employees will take more \$500,000,000.00 out of state’s economy and result in the loss of thousands jobs in the private sector and hurt small business people irreversibly. It will cause additional suffering for the citizens of your state by depriving them of the services we provide. This is a crime. Is this the legacy that you want to leave as the 55th governor of New York State and your democratic party?

The Public Employees Federation continues to provide you with avenues of cost savings that has virtually gone ignored. I implore you to step back and stop taking your frustration out on us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy J. D'Arminio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy J. D'Arminio

Cc Members of the Senate  
Members of the Assembly  
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