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## **Barnes Testifies on FY 2009 Budget Proposal**

TRENTON – Chairman Peter J. Barnes Jr. today provided testimony to the Assembly Budget Committee, on the Governor’s Fiscal Year 2009 budget proposal for the State Parole Board. Barnes will provide the same testimony on April 16 to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

The Chairman’s testimony, as prepared, can be viewed in PDF format:

<http://www.state.nj.us/parole/docs/fy.09.assembly.spb.pdf>.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey’s lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey’s primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB’s Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

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