



# New York State Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

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Director, Division of Correctional Industries  
550 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12204

Dear Director:

I write to express a great concern regarding NYS Correctional Officer uniforms for women. I have been made aware of the fact that uniform shirts made in women's sizes are not being supplied to female officers and have not been for over two years.

Upon my knowledge of this deficiency, I contacted the Quartermaster in Albany, NY. During our conversation, it was verified to me that the above statement is accurate. I demand to know why female employees have not been provided with appropriate uniforms for over two years. Additionally, I demand to know when proper uniforms will be provided.

It is unacceptable that female employees have been forced to wear men's uniform shirts and I expect this to be remedied immediately. Women represent over one-third of the security services staff and should expect to be provided a proper fitting uniform.

I anticipate you reply and I thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tammy Sawchuk  
Executive Vice President

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