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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Sununu Youth Services Center and the jobs of our members working within it have been the target of negative publicity over the last several months. This center was in danger of closing without a thoughtful plan for placing these employees in new positions or placing the affected youth in a safe setting. Governor Sununu's comments surrounding this matter are dangerous, especially when he refers to "blowing up" the Sununu Center. These comments and many others could have had real and harmful unintended consequences for state employees working there and for the detained youth at the facility.

That being said, the SEA has been working with members to try and combat the inevitable, and it is our job to examine every possible scenario when trying to do so. The document found on our website, which contained several errors including internal notes, was unintentionally placed online by a former employee who is no longer a part of the State Employees' Association. This document was a working version exploring all of the issues, language, and concerns being identified by those working to combat them, and therefore didn't follow the proper channels for approval.

We apologize that this document was posted on our website as though it was the organization's position, and we have put additional safeguards in place to ensure that this does not happen in the future. Thank you for patience and understanding over this misstep.