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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 59,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

This bill amends the Labor Law and the Civil Service law to clarify and improve the laws protecting “whistleblower”- employees who provide information to investigatory or regulatory authorities about violations of law at their place of employment.

The current provisions of law were enacted to prohibit retaliation by employers against workers who report illegal activities. This type of legal protection is essential to encourage workers to refuse to participate in wrongdoing and to prevent cover-ups by those responsible. However, the current laws have certain language that makes them difficult to interpret or to enforce. This bill would improve these statutes to give greater assurance that employees who are entitled to protection will be able to defend their rights in court if an employer retaliates unfairly against them.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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