



August 2026

Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor
Executive Chamber, State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

RE: Authorize Use of Accruals Pending Workers' Compensation Determination

Dear Governor Hochul,

As a member of the New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF), I urge you to approve legislation recently passed by both houses of the State Legislature to authorize the use of accruals (S.10350-A by Sen. Ramos/A.1202-A by Asm. Simon).

Current civil service policy is inconsistent regarding the use of paid time off accruals for a public employee who suffers a work-related injury prior to the commencement of a claim under the Workers' Compensation Law. In addition, these injured civil servants who are unable to work due to injury do not receive any financial relief from the Workers' Compensation Board until their case has been established and benefits are approved.

This application and approval process, which can take up to six months or longer, presents a tremendous hardship for out-of-work employees who are unable to use the time they accrued while working and healthy.

This legislation would clarify the process and allow for public employees to use their accruals during the workers' compensation claim process.

It is for these reasons that I urge you to sign this legislation into law.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____