



WHAT IS COPE?

- Committee on Political Education-PEF'S Political Action Fund for federal elections;
- Union dues CANNOT be used for federal elections, only voluntary contributions can be used
- COPE is administered for PEF by its parent unions, SEIU, and AFT

PURPOSES OF COPE

- Educate members, the public, elected officials and candidates on union issues
- Form coalitions with like-minded groups
- Boots on the ground-being able to go door-to-door and phone bank
- Elect union-friendly candidates

BRING FEDERAL DOLLARS TO NY

- Only 11 states give more tax dollars to the federal government than they get back
- NY has the largest disparity-\$24 billion
- Over 1/3 of the state budget is funded by the federal government

FEDERAL FUNDS ARE USED FOR

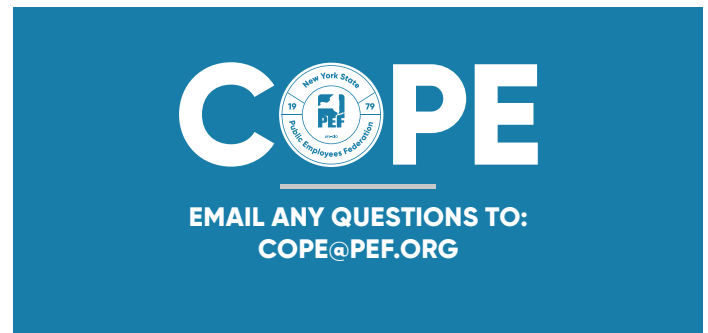
- Medicaid funds services in OMH, OPWDD, DOH, OASAS, SUNY Hospitals, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and Helen Hayes Hospital
- Federal infrastructure supports DOT
- DOL is comprised of almost 100% federally funded positions
- Federal funds go into SED, Higher Ed, Homeland Security, Encon, OCFS, etc.

WHY DOES PEF HAVE TO THINK ABOUT FEDERAL POLITICS?

- Job security
- Social security
- Health insurance and prescription drug costs
- Pensions
- Workers comp
- Your union
- Taxes
- Safety on the job
- Medicare
- NLRB sets rules for wages, overtime, etc.

MONEY EQUALS POWER IN POLITICS

- COPE gets PEF "a seat at the table"
- Counter the well-funded, anti-worker/anti-union groups



Send a message to Washington, D.C. Authorization for Voluntary COPE Payroll Deduction



	Gold \$20	Silver \$10	Bronze \$5	Other	Signed up by			
1. Amount per pay period	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2. Last Name				First Name	M.I.			
3. Home Address Street & No.				Apt	City	State	Zip Code	
4. NYS Agency & Bureau or Facility				Job Title				
5. Deduction Effective no earlier than date	/	/	Signature		6. Today's Date	/	/	

I hereby authorize regular payroll deductions from my earnings in the amount specified hereon as a voluntary contribution to be paid to the Treasurer of PEF COPE, to be used in accordance with applicable federal and state laws for political purposes including, but not limited to, addressing political issues of public importance and contributing to federal elections. My contribution is voluntary, and I understand that: a) it is not required as a condition of employment or membership in the union; b) I may refuse to contribute without reprisal; c) I may revoke this authorization at any time by giving written notice to the Treasurer of PEF COPE and/or my payroll office, such revocation being effective when accepted into the employer's payroll system. This authorization supersedes all previous authorizations. Only union members and executive/administrative staff of this union who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to contribute to PEF COPE, the contribution amounts on this form are merely suggestions. I may contribute more or less by this or some other means without fear or favor of disadvantage from the union.

A copy of the New York State Public Employees Federation COPE report is filed with the Federal Election Commission and is available for purchase from the Election Commission, Washington, D.C. Copies of these reports are also on file with the New York State Board of Elections, Albany, New York. Contributions to PEF COPE are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

To Submit:

Scan or take a picture of this form & email to: cope@pef.org, Or

Bring to your PEF Steward or mail to: PEF COPE • New York Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO • 1168-70 Troy Schenectady Road, P.O. Box 1244 • Albany, New York 12212-2414

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