

MAIL-IN AUTHORIZATION FOR VOLUNTARY COPE PAYCHECK DEDUCTION

PRINT CLEARLY

1. MIN# (See #1 under "Instructions" below)

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2. Amount Per Pay Period... \$20.00 \$10.00 \$5.00 \$ _____

3. Name: Last _____ First _____ Initial _____

4. Home Address: Street & No. _____ Apt. No. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____



MAIL TO:

PEF COPE

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FEDERATION, AFL-CIO

1168-70 TROY-SCHENECTADY ROAD • P.O. BOX 12414 • ALBANY, NEW YORK 12212-2414 ATTN: MIS DEPT.

5. Department

Job Title

6. Signed Up By

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PEF COPE CHECK OFF CARD

- Your MIN# (Member Identification Number) can be found under the barcode on PEF ID card or call 800.342.4306, ext 243.
 - Check / state amount you want deducted from each paycheck for PEF COPE.
 - Print last and first name.
 - Your home address.
 - Your department and title.
 - Who asked you to be a COPE contributor?
 - Effective date (date you want check off to begin).
 - Sign your full name, and fill in the date.
7. Effective no earlier than (enter 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 supercedes all previous authorizations. Only union members and executive/administrative staff of the 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 of favor or disadvantage from the union or my employer. 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 Federal 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.
8. Signature _____ 8. Date ____/____/____

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Q: What is COPE? **A:** COPE (Committee on Political Education) is a political action fund financed by voluntary member contributions separate from the PEF budget.

Q: Is COPE really necessary? **A:** COPE is a key part of PEF's effort to strengthen our role on the political stage and gain more respect for NYS public employees. COPE Funds help us influence decisions made by government that affect public employees and their families.

Q: Where does the money go? **A:** COPE is used to support candidates for federal elected office. COPE champions State causes at the next level.

Q: Why don't my union dues support this program? **A:** Federal Law prohibits PEF from using union dues to support federal campaigns.

Q: Who decides who gets our support? **A:** The PEF Executive Board and the Statewide Political Action Committee (SWPAC) carefully review candidate platforms and base endorsements on their position on key labor issues that directly impact public employees.

Q: Is my contribution going to make a difference? **A:** Yes! Joining COPE builds the union's power to fight for federal funds that benefit our members' jobs and the quality services they provide to New York State's residents.

Q: How do I participate in COPE? **A:** Fill out and return the Authorization for Voluntary COPE Deduction above.