

Dear NYSUT Retiree,

These are very difficult economic times and, unfortunately, public employees are being scapegoated as the root cause of all our nation's ills. Public employees are blamed for higher property taxes and for crippling the economy because of their "exorbitant pensions." One of the "solutions" being sought is to reduce pension costs through the creation of a Tier 6 with higher contribution rates and no retirement until age 65.

While that's unthinkable for the next generation of NYSUT members, our current retirees are not immune from attacks. The fight to preserve our retirees' health insurance coverage is already underway. And while lawmakers can't take away our constitutionally protected pensions, they can try to derail future modest COLA increases.

Please consider contributing to VOTE-COPE through pension deduction. It's only through political action that we can defeat these outrageous proposals and keep our future secure.

Andrew Pallotta, Secretary-Treasurer, VOTE-COPE Committee



*Please use the middle section
of this form for a direct contribution,
and return it in the enclosed envelope.*

*If you would like your contribution to be deducted from your pension check,
use the bottom form, and return it in the enclosed envelope.*

*It is important that we receive the original form
so that we can scan in your information correctly.*

Please keep a copy for your records.

And again, thank you for your support!



Pension Deduction Authorization Card

The undersigned authorizes the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS) or the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) to deduct from each of my regular defined-benefit pension payments the sum of \$5, \$3 or Other \$____ (per month) and to forward that amount to VOTE-COPE, P.O. Box 5190, Albany, NY 12205-0190. I understand that this monthly amount will continue to be deducted until revoked by me in writing.

This authorization is made voluntarily and without fear of reprisal and with the understanding that the making of contributions to VOTE-COPE is not a condition of membership in any labor organization, will not impact the provision of my defined-benefit pension and that VOTE-COPE will use the money it receives to make political contributions and expenditures in connection with federal, state and local elections. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect for all purposes until revoked by me in writing.

I expressly acknowledge and understand that the deduction, as specified above, be withheld monthly and that NYSUT will transmit this authorization to the appropriate retirement system. I hereby certify to NYSTRS and NYSERS that I am a member of NYSUT, an employee organization entitled to receive union deduction payments as provided by law.

Name _____ Pension # _____

Phone # _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Local from which you retired: _____

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