

All Concerned;

We are in the process of meeting with various legislators to discuss our serious concerns regarding the attempts to legislate public employee cost sharing of health benefits and pension contributions, and limit collective bargaining negotiations.

As always, we rely on our members to assist us by contacting your local elected legislators and asserting your concerns as a public employee and resident of this state.

Legislation that strips the rights of government workers to collectively bargain over health care will be considered by the Senate Budget Committee on Thursday, June 16, 2011.

It is vitally important that you call your legislators and voice your opposition to this destructive bill that aims to abolish collective bargaining and bust government unions in New Jersey.

Here's how your voice can be heard.

- Beginning Monday, dial **888-875-6558**. You will be prompted to enter your zip code and then patched directly through to your legislator's office.
- Here's a suggested script you may use when your legislator's office answers the phone:

"My name is [your name] and I live in [your town]. The Sweeney-Christie healthcare plan destroys collective bargaining and will cost my family between 5 to 8% of our income. My union is willing to negotiate an affordable healthcare plan that will save the State of New Jersey hundreds of millions of dollars. I'm urging [legislator's name] to oppose the Sweeney-Christie healthcare plan."

If a staff person says he or she will leave a message, say you want a call back telling you what the legislator's position is the legislation.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important effort.