



State Employees United to Provide Quality Public Services to the State of Michigan

Exercise Your Rights and Stand Up For Public Employees!

Some lawmakers don't want you or your Union participating in the political process so they passed a law prohibiting your ability to donate to your Union's political efforts. You cannot voluntarily divert any portion of your paycheck to the Union's political activities.

Donate to COPE and help support those lawmakers who support your commitment as a public employee:

- Protect our pay and benefits
- Retain our 90% premium coverage for health care
- Protect our pensions
- Limit wasteful spending on sub-contracting
- Protect our jobs in this budget crisis

Before we support candidates, we give them all — regardless of their party — a chance to answer employees' questions about their track record on issues important to working families.

Please complete the form below and return it to your SEIU leader to start contributing to COPE today. When we're all united, our voice will be heard.

Yes! I want to help hold politicians accountable to support working family issues.



- **Maintain adequate funding to ensure public services are available.**
- **We as public employees have a unique opportunity, not only can we elect our bosses, but we can also help shape the way our programs are run and funded.**
- **As the budget gets tighter, the more we need to be united. Protection comes in the strength of numbers.**

CREDIT CARD CHECKOFF

Please charge my COPE contribution to my **credit card** in the amount of (please circle): \$5 \$10 \$20 or \$_____ (please circle) **Each Month / One-Time Only**. This shall remain in full force until revoked in writing by me.

Card Type (please circle):

VISA MC DISC Card Number: _____ Code from back of card _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____

MONTHLY CHECKBOOK CHECKOFF

Please deduct COPE contributions from my **checking account** in the amount of (please circle): \$5 \$10 \$20 or \$_____ **each month**. Please use the attached check as my first payment and start my checkbook check-off the following month. This shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by me.

BILL ME

I wish to contribute the following annual amount to COPE \$_____. *Checks should be made payable to: SEIU COPE*

Please read the following before signing: I am volunteering to contribute to the SEIU Committee on Political Education

- This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by me.
- I understand that: 1) I am not required to sign this form or make COPE contributions as a condition of my employment by my employer or membership in the union; 2) I may refuse to contribute without any reprisal; 3) Only union members and executive/administrative staff who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to contribute to SEIU COPE; 4) The amounts on the form are merely a suggestion, and I may contribute more or less without fear of favor or disadvantage from the union or my employer; 5) SEIU COPE uses the money it receives for political purposes, including but not limited to addressing political issues of public importance and contributing to and spending money in connection with federal, state and local elections.
- Contributions to SEIU COPE are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Home E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Return to: SEIU Local 517M, 1026 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

SEIU Local 517M Committee on Political Education (COPE) Levels of Contribution

Presidents Club

Receive a Pin and Decal

Investment: \$36 per year/\$1.50 per pay period or \$3 a month

Platinum Presidents Club

Receive a Mug, Decal and Pin

Investment: \$100 per year/\$4 per pay period or \$8 per month

Jacket Club

Receive Purple Fleece Lined Cotton Jacket, Pin, Mug, and Decal

Investment: \$130 per year/\$5 per pay period or \$10 per month

Founders Club

SEIU Jacket and select from an item from the SEIU Catalog up to \$30 in value.

Investment: \$260 per year/\$10 per pay period or \$20 per month

Recruited by: _____