

Tuesday, July 1st, 2025

Dear Colleague,

I'm writing to ask you to join the NYS AFL-CIO's virtual phone bank this week to help stop the devastating federal budget cuts currently being proposed in Congress. These cuts would slash funding for Medicaid, food assistance, student aid, and education funding, directly harming working families, students, and vulnerable communities. These phone banks will target key NY congressional members. Participants will call union members in their districts and urge them to make calls to their representatives to ask them to vote NO until they make changes to ensure this bill benefits working people and not just the ultra-wealthy. **WE ONLY NEED A FEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO STEP UP AND DO THE RIGHT THING. They have set a deadline to vote by July 4th so the time TO TAKE ACTION IS NOW.**

What's at Stake: Impacts to New York State and SUNY

These cuts would hit New York hard. The state stands to lose \$15.4 billion annually, or 6% of its budget. This means likely mid-year cuts to SUNY's funding, which could lead to tuition hikes, program reductions, and job losses. Additionally, vital health coverage would be at risk for over 1.5 million New Yorkers and 70 of New York's 156 hospitals, including SUNY Downstate University Hospital and Upstate Medical University, would be at risk for closure. These healthcare cuts could double the NYS uninsured population and worsen healthcare disparities. The federal budget proposal would harm SUNY students, workers, hospitals, and entire communities, undermining access to education, healthcare, and economic stability.

The NYS AFL-CIO is organizing phone banks from Monday, June 30 through Thursday, July 3, from 6 – 8 PM. You can join from anywhere. All you need is a computer and a phone.

Click [HERE](#) to register now!

These cuts will have serious consequences for working families, students, and our most vulnerable neighbors. Now is the time to raise our voices!

Thank you for taking action when it matters most!

In solidarity,

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