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TO: New York State AFL-CIO Executive Council

FROM: Mario Cilento, President

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RE: UNION DUES DEDUCTION

As a result of the legislation passed and signed into law in April 2017, union members in the state of New York will have the opportunity to deduct their union dues from their state income taxes.

Two years ago, the New York State AFL-CIO, with support from your union, led the charge for this legislation. As a result of your efforts and that of organized labor in our state, we were successful.

Beginning this year, union members will be able to deduct their union dues from their state taxes if they itemize deductions on their state taxes. It is important to point out that tax payers can now itemize deductions on their state taxes even if they don't itemize on their federal taxes.

These deductions will put an estimated $35 million back into the pockets of union members throughout our state.

I urge you to alert your members of this issue, and to explain your union's role in its success.

If you have any questions, please call our Legislative Director, Mike Neidl at 518-436-8516.

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