



New York State AFL-CIO Legislative Alert

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Support Including the NYS Film and Television Tax Credit in the State Budget

The New York State Film and Television Tax Credit is a unique program that since 2004 has resurrected New York's film and television industry and has directly created tens of thousands of middle class, union jobs. Indirectly countless more jobs in construction, transportation, catering and related industries have been created.

Specifically, the NYS Film credit has a demonstrable track record of creating 48,300 middle class jobs across New York State in 2017 which amounts to \$4.3 billion in personal income in 2017 alone. The credit is applied as a rebate against the wages and costs associated with hiring men and women working on productions and does not apply to executive salaries or Hollywood stars.

The credit also does not apply to buildings, overhead, entitlements or other costs and, the employer only receives the credit after the jobs have been created. Producers must adhere to strict reporting and transparency requirements to verify the job creation. In other words, this credit creates verifiable benefits and jobs for middle class workers.

The film and tax credit serves as an example of how economic development programs should operate. The program is a net revenue generator for the state and the city and should be extended in this budget.

Mario Cilento, President

ISSUE OF THE WEEK

Include Employee Protection Provisions for New York City School Buses in the State Budget

The NYS AFL-CIO, representing 2.5 million union members and their families, as well as our retirees and their families and in solidarity with the Amalgamated Transit Union Legislative Conference Board, supports language to reform the New York City school bus contracting procedures and urge its inclusion in the final state budget.

The language would require that the contracting process for the City of New York school transportation services include employee protection provisions (EPPs). These provisions require contractors to hire experienced and qualified workers from a master seniority list. This legislation would also give the City the ability to renegotiate any existing contracts, with the mutual consent of the bus contractor, that do not include the EPPs.

Employee protection provisions have previously been supported and passed by the state legislature and are universally supported by all affected parties, including school bus owner/operators and the affected labor unions that represent the workers who provide these services.

CALL TO ACTION

LABOR LOBBYIST MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
100 South Swan St., Albany, NY