

# POLITICAL ACTION FUND

## Talking Points

### Our Political Action Produces Victories for our Members!

- ✓ **2019** The new pro-worker Senate majority voted by a landslide count of 58-3 to pass the NY Call Center Jobs Act to penalize companies that ship call center jobs out of the state.
- ✓ **2018** CWA members campaigned for and helped elect a new pro-worker majority to the NYS Senate, defeating several incumbents who had blocked our legislative efforts and turned their backs on working people for years.
- ✓ **2018** Successfully lobbied to have provisions included in the NY State budget to protect unions following the Janus decision and in the event of national "Right to Work" laws.
- ✓ **2018** Secured funding in the NY State budget for the creation of the new CUNY School of Urban and Labor Studies.
- ✓ **2018** Passed the NY Call Center Jobs Act in the NYS Assembly.
- ✓ **2017** Defeated Prop 1, a ballot measure that would have established a constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of the State of New York, which was threatening to repeal workers' rights.
- ✓ **2017** Passed the NY Call Center Jobs Act in the NYS Assembly.
- ✓ **2016** Passed the Safe Staffing for Healthcare Workers Act in the NYS Assembly.
- ✓ **2016** Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton both walked the Verizon picket line in 2016, and U.S. Labor Secretary Tom Perez played a critical role bringing the strike to a successful conclusion.
- ✓ **2015** 780 healthcare workers at Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare, part of the Mohawk Valley Health System, joined CWA. Political pressure from elected officials pressured management not to run a huge union-busting campaign and helped secure an organizing win.

### State legislative and regulatory goals for 2019:

- ▶ **Telecommunications:**
  - » Pass the NY Call Center Jobs Act in the NYS Assembly to ensure that it becomes law and stops greedy companies from shipping jobs out of New York.
  - » Build FIOS: Force Verizon to build FIOS into the areas that are currently bypassed, including Upstate cities, Eastern Long Island, many suburbs, and rural areas. Also ensure Verizon builds FiOS throughout New York City.
- ▶ **Safe Staffing:** Pass the Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act which will protect patients and workers by setting safe, minimum standards for nurse to patient ratios.
- ▶ **Limit the Influence of Special Interest Money in Politics:** Pass legislation similar to NYC's 6:1 public matching fund system to weaken the hold of corporate interests and the wealthy on State government.
- ▶ **Protect Traffic Enforcement Officers:** Pass legislation granting Peace Officer status for Traffic Enforcement Officers to stop violence and harassment on the job.

