

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** We successfully lobbied to have provisions included in the NY State budget to protect unions in the event of national "Right to Work" laws and in the wake of the Janus decision.
- ✓ **2018** The Governor's office was critical in helping us win a big victory at the PSC on Verizon service quality.
- ✓ **2017** Governor Cuomo personally intervened to pressure the CEO of Momentive to settle a 17-week strike by 700 members of Local 81359 in Waterford, NY.
- ✓ **2016** U.S. Labor Secretary Tom Perez played a critical role bringing the Verizon strike to a successful conclusion.
- ✓ **2016** Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton both walked the Verizon picket line, and Bernie denounced VZ CEO Lowell McAdam's "corporate greed" during the nationally televised primary debate.

State legislative and regulatory goals for 2019:

- ▶ **Telecommunications Regulation:** Pressuring the Public Service Commission to launch a formal, evidentiary proceeding on deregulation of telecommunications.
- ▶ **Call Center Bill:** Keep jobs in New York State by penalizing companies that ship 30% or more call center volume out of New York State.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Maintain the Telephone Network:** Restore strong service quality standards to ensure proper maintenance of the copper telephone network.

