

## Memorandum of Support Protecting the Personal Privacy of Public Sector Workers

## **Budget Item**

## WHAT THE BILL WILL DO:

This legislation will extend the protections of <u>2018 Executive order # 183</u>.

Prohibits disclosure of: (a) the home address(es), personal telephone number(s), personal cell phone number(s), personal e-mail address(es) of a public employee,

Except (i) to the union that represents the unit of public employees; (ii) to a union that is legitimately seeking to represent the unit of public employees; or (iii) to the extent compelled to do so by law. This does not apply to work-related information such as title, salary, and dates of employment that is otherwise publically-available.

**STATUS** as of 1/18/19: Introduced in Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget in *Part E of the Public Protection* and General Government, Article VII Legislation

## **BACKGROUND:**

Across New York State and this country, workers' personal information such as their home addresses and cell phone numbers, are being used to attack, harass, and intimidate them by third-parties.

The decision by the United States Supreme Court in Janus v AFSCME attempts to undermine worker safety and privacy. New York State will not subject public sector workers to the abuse of their personal information as part of a campaign to harass and intimidate workers for any reason, including engaging in union activities or looking to unionize.

**Support Protecting the Personal Privacy of Public Sector Workers**For More Information Contact CWA District 1 at 212-344-2515