

## **Now is the Time to Fight for State & Local Aid in the HEROES Act! (Next COVID-19 Relief Package)**

- The COVID-19 public health crisis is also driving an economic crisis. Over 42 million workers have lost their jobs. COVID-19 has had a devastating toll on state and local economies.
- Without federal funds, states like New York are facing significant layoffs for public sector workers, state retirement funds/pensions are on the line, and cuts to public services like education and healthcare are coming.
- We must fight for State & Local Aid in the next federal COVID-19 relief package to protect our communities!

### **COVID-19 Impact on State Budgets:**

- More than 25% of state revenues have evaporated, decimating state budgets.
- Meanwhile, there's been a spike in need for things like healthcare, unemployment, and social services & assistance.
- By the summer of 2022, the state budget gap is estimated to be a half-trillion dollars.
- New York State is facing \$61 billion deficit over the next four years. Governor Cuomo has already announced a slate of \$10 billion in possible cuts.

### **The HEROES Act will provide much-needed State & Local Aid:**

- On May 14, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, the HEROES Act, which provides nearly \$1 trillion in federal funding for states and localities and would benefit tens of thousands of CWA members and our brothers and sisters across the nation.
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has already announced he will not "bail out blue States."
- The HEROES Act is now being negotiated in the Senate and is expected to be passed in early July - we have less than a month to make our voices heard!

**Protect workers and vital public services and make sure the HEROES Act passes with \$1 trillion in State and Local Aid!**