



AMALGAMATED-TRANSIT UNION

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Dear ATU998 members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who choose to participate in the ATU-COPE program. If you recall, COPE stands for Committee on Political Education, and it is strictly voluntary. Many of you signed up for COPE when you were hired, while others signed up when they saw a need to get involved. No matter when you signed up, THANK YOU!

But right now we need those of you who are not involved to GET INVOLVED. How COPE works, is you sign up for a small monthly payroll deduction (it can be as small as \$4.00 per month), that is sent by our payroll department to ATU International in Washington, D.C. That money is split 50-50 between local political activities, and the national campaigns. All money that is used at the local level must meet certain criteria.

First, anyone interested in our endorsement must either speak to us in person or via mail. They must seek us out for endorsement, we can't seek them out.

Second, they must list public transportation as one of their priorities.

Third, the Legislative Director must gather information on the person seeking office, and submit that information on a request form to our International Office for consideration.

Once the International issues funds, a campaign contribution is made to that candidate on behalf of ATU998. It's that simple.

These funds can't be used for any other reason, and not only Democrats are eligible. There are Republicans in our own State who are bucking a trend and not only believe in public transportation, they believe in UNIONS!

2016 is going to be a year in which the political climate in Madison can change, but only with your help. PLEASE, fill out a COPE card and return it to payroll. It is money well spent.

Thanks

Tom Stawicki
Legislative Director ATU998