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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Statewide Officers
Local and Unit Presidents

FROM: Danny Donohue

RE: AFSCME Phone Calls

DATE: January 8, 2016

Several weeks ago, AFSCME began calling members from affiliates and councils around the country with the goal of contacting every AFSCME member who has a home phone number and works in the public sector.

The calls serve two purposes. First, is to provide an update on the Friedrichs case pending at the Supreme Court and to let members know that anti-worker and anti-union groups are calling union members trying to encourage them to abandon their union membership. We expect those external groups to start calling CSEA members in the upcoming months.

The second purpose of the AFSCME calls is to update members' information and to identify those members who want to get active in their workplaces and communities to stand up to this assault on working people and our unions.

AFSCME will begin calling CSEA members within the next few weeks. The callers will indicate that they are from CSEA/AFSCME. I ask you to encourage members to take the call and participate in the conversation. It will only take a few moments of their time but will provide us with helpful information about how the members view their union and this challenge before us.

Once those calls are completed, we will be reaching out to locals and units to plan follow up activities in their areas.

Labor unions built the middle class in this country. Our strength is in our membership; and, now more than ever, we have to come together to keep alive the promise of an economic system that is fair to all.

If you would like to get involved now or want more information, please contact my office at 1-800-342-4146.

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