

Call Key Legislators on May 1st!

Stop the Layoffs! Stop the Attack on Negotiated Benefits!



They are at it again. Not only does Governor Corzine's budget propose hundreds of layoffs, but key members of the State Senate are once again raising the prospect of cutting our benefits through legislative action. Senator Barbara Buono was recently quoted in the papers saying the retirement age should be raised from 60 to 62 and that N/55 should be rolled back for new hires.

These issues were negotiated in 2007. We agreed to raise the retirement age and to pay .5% additional into the pension fund. **WE ARE FINISHED NEGOTIATING OVER OUR BENEFITS.**

The budget gap is \$2.7 billion. The proposed layoffs would save less than \$20 million. Rolling back N/55 for new hires would save less than \$15 million—in FY 2013. Raising the retirement age would save virtually nothing. These proposals do nothing to solve the budget gap. They are pure political grandstanding and scapegoating.

We need **YOU** to call key legislators **Thursday, May 1** and tell them:

“Layoffs hurt workers and hurt the public. They must be stopped. And Democratic legislators must respect the collective bargaining process. Stop making public workers the scapegoats for NJ's fiscal problems!”



Make the call:

Senator Barbara Buono	(732) 205-1372	Chair, Budget Cttee
Senator Shirley Turner	(609) 530-3277	Represents Trenton
Senator Paul Sarlo	(201) 804-8118	Budget Vice-Chair
Senator Steve Sweeney	(856) 251-9801	Sen. Maj. Leader
Senator Raymond Lesniak	(973) 403-1100	
Senator Nicholas Scutari	(908) 587-0404	

After you have made contact with your legislators, please tell your shop steward, or e-mail your local union and let us know that you made the call.