

# The Importance of COPE



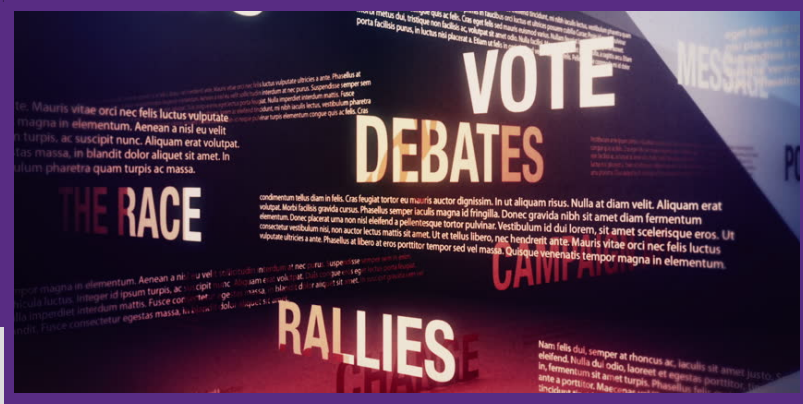
## What Is COPE?

**The Committee on Political Education (COPE)** is made up of SEIU 517M members who contribute monthly to ensure that our union has the necessary political power to protect our hard-earned victories at the bargaining table and in the legislature.

**Contributions are 100% voluntary** and are used to advance a bi-partisan political and legislative agenda and to support candidates who embody our values and principles.

## Why Does COPE Matter?

Regardless of political affiliation, many of the decisions that impact our work, our lives and our communities are decided by elected officials. From **bargaining rights, to job security and working conditions**, SEIU 517M takes an active role electing candidates to school boards, city councils, county commissions, Governor, State Legislature, President, and Congress, who value and are willing to stand up for working family issues.



## How Is COPE Used?

Through our member-driven endorsement process, **COPE is used to support pro-worker candidates** for local, state and federal offices.

Like our membership, **we support candidates on both sides of the aisle** and base our support on policy positions, actions and a commitment to protect and expand access to union membership for all workers.

# Yes! I want to become a COPE Contributor and do my part to make elected officials listen to working people.

Building—and maintaining—our political strength begins with you. If every SEIU 517M member contributes \$5 or \$10 per pay period to COPE, together as a union, we will have the money to support our vision of a better Michigan.

COPE funds are used to support pro-worker candidates on both sides of the aisle as well political work that benefits members. Dues money cannot be used for partisan political purposes but COPE lets us have a stronger voice in the political process. With your COPE dollars, we:

- Help elect pro-union political candidates, who have been steadfast in their opposition to paycheck deception legislation, pension cuts, privatization, and bills that weaken public employee collective bargaining;
- Mobilize members to advocate for issues critical to working families, such as fair federal and state public service funding, on-the-job worker protections and more;
- Educate political candidates and politicians about the issues that matter to public employees and working families;
- Hold elected anti-worker politicians accountable by educating members about their records and mobilizing them to take action, in their districts, at the Capitol, and at the ballot box!

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Address _____	Job Title _____
City, State, Zip _____	Birth Date _____ Registered Voter    Yes    No
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Sign me up for Union updates via text message (SEIU 517M won't charge you for text messages, but carrier message/ data rates may apply)

I authorize SEIU 517M to deduct my COPE amounts I authorize in the months I work on the following schedule:  
\_\_\_\_ 15th day of each month    OR    \_\_\_\_ 30th of each month    OR    \_\_\_\_ Two equal payments on my first 2 paydays of each month  
I would like to contribute to SEIU COPE in the monthly amount of:    \$10    \$15    \$20    Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Option A: Automatic COPE Deduction from Bank Account</b> Bank Name _____ Account Type:    Savings    Checking (Send voided check picture) Routing Number (9 digits)    _____ Account Number _____	<b>Option B: Automatic COPE Deduction from Credit/Debit Card</b> Card Type:    MasterCard    Visa    Discover American Express    Debit Card Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ / _____ Security Code _____
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to Andrea Valerio at [avalerio@seiu517m.org](mailto:avalerio@seiu517m.org)