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Labor Leaders Unite Behind Education Investment Tax Credit

The proposed New York Education Investment Tax Credit Act (New York State Assembly Bill 1826-C and Senate Bill 4099-A) received a significant boost from leaders of influential state and New York City labor organizations.

Labor leaders, representing more than 255,000 working women and men, joined Timothy Cardinal Doan, the Catholic Archbishop of New York, and other leaders from the faith community for a news conference to urge Governor Cuomo and the state Legislature to pass a strong Education Investment Tax Credit (EITC) plan as part of the state budget.

The news conference, held at Cathedral High School in Manhattan, brought together several leaders of major unions, including:

- Natalia Salgado, Deputy Political Director of 32BJ/SEIU which represents 70,000 office cleaners, apartment building workers, security officers, window cleaners, theater and stadium cleaners, and public school workers in New York City and Long Island.
- Patrick J. Lynch, President of NYPD Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the nation's largest law enforcement union, representing more than 40,000 NYPD officers.
- Richard Wells, President of Police Conference of New York (PCNY), which represents 25,000 police officers throughout the State.
- Ed Mullins, President of NYPD Sergeants Benevolent Association, with 11,000 active and retired sergeants.
- Steve Cassidy, President of Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York, representing over 7,000 FDNY firefighters.
- Tom Mungeer, President of NYS Troopers PBA, which represents 6,000 active and retired Troopers.
- Dennis Quirk, President of NYS Court Officers Association, on behalf of more than 3,600 court officers.
- Patrick Cullen, President of NYS Supreme Court Officers Association, with 2,400 active and retired members.



Patrick J. Lynch, President of NYPD Patrolmen's Benevolent Association calls for passage of a strong NY Education Investment Tax Credit as part of the budget.

- Al Hagen, President of Uniformed Fire Officers Association, representing over 1,000 FDNY officers.
- Chris Monahan, Vice President NYPD Captains Endowment Association.
- Lou Matarazzo, Legislative Director for NYPD Detectives & Lieutenants, and Captains and the former President of the NYPD P.B.A.

The EITC is currently supported by 17 labor organizations and the list continues to grow. Those who have publicly signed on as supporters include the following:

- 32BJ/SEIU
- Enterprise Assoc. of Steamfitters, UA Local 638
- Federation of Catholic Teachers, OPEIU Local 153 AFL-CIO
- International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 30, AFL-CIO
- Plumbers and Steamfitters, UA Local 267
- Uniformed EMTs, Paramedics & Fire Inspectors FDNY, Local 2507, DC 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO
- Uniformed Fire Officers Association, IFAA Local 854, AFL-CIO
- Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York, Local 94 IFAA AFL-CIO
- Police Conference of New York
- NYS Association of P.B.A.'s
- NYS Court Officers Association
- NYS Supreme Court Officers Assoc., ILA, AFL-CIO
- NYS Troopers PBA
- NYC Captains Endowment Association
- NYC Detectives Endowment Association
- NYC Patrolmen's Benevolent Association
- Sergeants Benevolent Association, NYPD

In addition to the news conference, Patrick J. Lynch of the influential NYPD Patrolmen's Benevolent Association published an opinion article in the New York Post highlighting the need for the EITC to help New York families. According to Lynch, "This would significantly help lighten the burden on working families who confront the economic challenge of providing the best education they can for their children...It's easy for us to embrace such a plan because it benefits all of the children of New York. That is why this bill is supported by our brothers and sisters of numerous labor unions"



Leaders of major labor organizations and faith leaders demonstrated unity on March 10th in calling for Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature to pass the NY Education Investment Tax Credit.

Budget negotiations at The Capitol are heating up as the State Senate and Assembly are expected to adopt their budget plans this week. The new state fiscal year begins on April 1st.