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Memorandum in Opposition

S3577-A – Senator Rivera

A5248-A – MoA Gottried

**An act to amend the public health law and the state finance law,
in relation to enacting the "New York health act"
and to establishing New York Health**

OPPOSE !

This bill would take effect immediately upon its enactment, with the caveat that the program, as established by this act, will begin functioning when the Commissioner of Health declares the beginning of the implementation period. It would create a universal single payer health plan – New York Health – to provide comprehensive health coverage for all New Yorkers.

It is important to note that the New York State Public Employee Conference is not opposed to the concept of a single payer health care plan. However, the above-captioned legislation leaves numerous unanswered questions and concerns which are extremely important to our membership. One – perhaps the most important – example, is how to recompense those public employees who have already paid, through reduced salary and benefits accepted as part of collective bargaining agreements negotiated over the course of decades, for their health plans.

Therefore, The New York State Public Employee Conference, an umbrella organization comprising more than 80 unions and groups representing a wide spectrum of public employees, strongly opposes this legislation, and urges its defeat.

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Nassau County Superior Officers Association
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NYC Deputy Sheriff's Association
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NYS Court Clerks Association
NYS Court Officers Association
NYS Nurses Association
NYS Police Investigators Association
NYS Professional Fire Fighters Association
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Southampton Town PBA
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Suffolk County Court Employees Association
Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA
Suffolk County PBA
Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association
Suffolk County Probation Officers Association
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Uniformed EMS Officers Union
Uniform EMTs and Paramedics Local 2507
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Benevolent Association
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Uniformed Fire Officers Association
Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association
United Public Service Employees Association
United Service Workers Union Local 74
United Transit Leadership Organization
Westchester County Correction Officers Association
Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628
Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association