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AN OPEN LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGAL AID ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

We have been alerted to the situation with respect to the organizing efforts on behalf of the prospective members of the Suffolk County Legal Aid Attorneys Association.

Credible reports of veiled threats, intimidation, and similar tactics directed toward those who have expressed interest in unionizing at Suffolk County Legal Aid is, quite frankly, unconscionable in the United States of America, and, more particularly in New York State, in this day and age.

The attorneys and support staff who work at Suffolk County Legal Aid are dedicated, caring professionals, and must be treated as such. Unions always come to fruition in workplaces for good reason. Numerous studies have confirmed that happy workers are more productive, and management would be wise to embrace that sentiment. The fact that Suffolk County Legal Aid workers would even consider joining a union indicates that they are not satisfied with their current situation. If they were content with their salary, benefits, treatment, working conditions, etc., there would be no groundswell for unionization.

On behalf of the board and members of the New York State Public Employee Conference, an umbrella organization comprising more than 80 unions and groups representing dedicated individuals who serve the public – as do those who work for Suffolk County Legal Aid – you have my assurance that we all stand in solidarity, shoulder-to-shoulder, with the affected employees in this endeavor.

In Unity,

Peter D. Meringolo
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Local 983, DC 37
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Nassau County PBA
Nassau County Police Conference
Nassau County Sheriff's COBA
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NYC Deputy Sheriff's Association
NYS Correctional Officers & PBA
NYS Court Clerks Association
NYS Court Officers Association
NYS Nurses Association
NYS Police Investigators Association
NYS Professional Fire Fighters Association
NYS Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO
NYS Troopers PBA
NYS Supreme Court Officers
PBA of New York State Law Enforcement
Police Conference of New York
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S E I U Local 300
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Sanitation Officers' Association
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Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees
Suffolk County Court Employees Association
Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA
Suffolk County East Hampton Village PBA
Suffolk County South Hampton Town PBA
Suffolk County PBA
Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association
Suffolk Detectives Association
Teamster Local 237
TWU Local 100
Uniformed EMS Officers Union
Uniform EMTs and Paramedics Local 2507
Uniformed Fire Alarm Dispatchers Benevolent
Association
Uniformed Firefighters Association
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