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## Memorandum in Opposition

**S5474 – Senator Rivera**

**A6058 – 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 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 (NYSPEC) 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 existing health plans. Indeed, for several years, the following language has appeared in the "WE OPPOSE" section of NYSPEC's Legislative Agenda: "*Any legislation which circumvents, converts, and/or nullifies hard-fought gains to health care coverage obtained through collective bargaining.*"

Therefore, The New York State Public Employee Conference, an umbrella organization comprising approximately 80 unions and groups collectively representing a broad spectrum of hundreds of thousands of public employees, strongly opposes this legislation, and urges its defeat.

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Suffolk County Court Employees Association  
Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA  
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Suffolk County Police Conference  
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United Public Service Employees Association  
United Transit Leadership Organization  
Westchester County Correction Officers Association  
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