



For SEIU, politics is not about Republicans or Democrats, liberals or conservatives. For SEIU, politics is about making a positive difference in the lives of health care workers, their patients, and their families.

Everyday, politicians at the federal, state and local level make decisions that affect our jobs, our families and our lives. That's why political organizing is as important to us as organizing on the job.

## COPE

### (Committee On Political Education)

Individually our money is insignificant in comparison to the health care industry's money. However, when we pool our money together we can make a real difference and help elect politicians who support our issues. Because we can't use dues money for political work, COPE is our political fund that we use to support candidates who are committed to improving the health care system and fighting for the women and men who provide care.

## MPO

### (Member Political Organizer)

MPOs are members willing to volunteer to help organize an issues driven, member-to-member based political program.

*MPOs work at the jobsite, on the phones, and in our neighborhoods to:*

- Register members to vote
- Educate members and their families
- Lobby politicians on our issues
- Raise COPE funds
- Recruit volunteers
- Get Out The Vote on Election Day

## SEIU COPE Checkoff Authorization Form

I authorize my employer to deduct **(Circle Choice)** \$1, \$2 or \$5 every pay period and transfer the funds to SEIU COPE. My signature shows that I have reviewed and agree with the terms on this card. I am volunteering to contribute to the SEIU Committee on Political Education (COPE) to help make my elected officials stand up for working people. I authorize my local union to file this payroll deduction with my employer and for my employer to forward the amount specified to SEIU COPE. I understand that: 1) I am not required to sign this form or make COPE contributions as a condition of my employment by my employer or membership in the union; 2) I may refuse to contribute without any reprisal; 3) Only Union members and executive/administrative staff who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to contribute to SEIU COPE; 4) The amounts on this form are merely a suggestion, and I may contribute more or less by this or some other means without fear of favor or disadvantage from the union or my employer; 5) SEIU COPE uses the money it receives for political purposes, including but not limited to addressing political issues of public importance and contributing to and spending money in connection with federal, state and local elections. Contributions to SEIU COPE are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. This authorization shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by me.

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