The PEOPLE Program

The CSEA/AFSCME Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality Program--PEOPLE is CSEA and AFSCME's political action fundraising program, the fuel that feeds our political action activities across the Country and in New York State. Our PEOPLE program raises volunteer funds that help us to educate and communicate with our members. PEOPLE is another avenue through which we support political candidates who support us. Only PEPOPLE dollars can be used for congressional and US senate candidates—not your dues.

Political action provides the means by which the CSEA members can speak and act collectively to influence decisions at the bargaining table, or to influence elected officials who pass laws that affect their lives. It is the way in which we can secure legislation that protects our jobs, our pensions and it's the way we can secure good contracts that protect our salaries and our health care benefits.

Political action is what we have to do to protect what we have and to always look to make improvements. Just as the name implies, legislative and political action has a dual function which overlaps. CSEA uses its resources and mobilizes our members to vote for candidates who will stand and fight for us in the legislative arena, regardless of what party they are from.   CSEA is not swayed by party politics but by who is the candidate that is for us.

In order to continue all of our efforts and to remain a force to be reckoned with at all levels of government, CSEA needs resources. PEOPLE provides the funds that bring us political clout and give us the ability to influence legislation and political leaders at all levels of government through political action. CSEA needs to be able to interact and communicate with our members all over the state. We need to let our members know what's happening, what issues are coming up that are important to them and how we plan on fighting. It is an important avenue to make sure our collective voices are heard—that's why every member should be a part of PEOPLE.