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Dear AME Members:

Yesterday at the Suffolk County Legislature meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee, AME and all ten unions were successful in stopping Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy from unilateral layoffs.

The Legislature heard testimony from the Budget Review Office, the County Executive's Budget Office and the unions, and learned that a comprehensive plan to address Suffolk County's potential budgeting shortfall is *not* in place.

It is unfortunate that the County Executive continues to frighten and intimidate his employees who are our AME members. AME will utilize all of its resources to keep the Suffolk County Legislature supportive of our members during these trying fiscal times.

AME will be available to answer any questions you may have, either by phone or travelling to your worksite. Please feel free to call AME and ask to speak with your Unit Liaison, or ask for my office directly at 631-589-8400.

With economic instability at the national level and prominent in the media, we need to remain *united* here in Suffolk County. We are here to fight for *all* members.

With united purpose,

Cheryl A. Felice  
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