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Re: NO MORE PAY CUTS, BENEFITS CUTS, LAY OFFS OR SERVICE FEES

Patrick Moran, Director of AFSCME-MD, has made clear that AFSCME, as would any state employees' union, opposes State efforts to balance the budget on the backs of already cash-strapped state employees. In a statement issued following the July 22 meeting of the Board of Public Works, Moran notes that "as the year goes on, we will surely see more attempts to cut pay and benefits, or even lay off state employees. We will continue to stand up for the work we do for the people of Maryland, and fight any cuts."

Yet AFSCME, like the State, is attempting to balance its budget on the backs of state workers. AFSCME fought until the last hours of the 2009 session of the General Assembly to assure passage of legislation which allows the union to negotiate for a mandatory service fee to be taken from every paycheck of state employees who have already chosen not to voluntarily become members of AFSCME. While Moran is correct that state employees will likely see more efforts to cut pay and benefits, it is just as true that state employees have and will continue to see attempts by AFSCME to secure its own receipt of a mandatory service fee from state workers, to the tune of an additional \$7.5 million a year.

MCEA calls upon both Governor O'Malley and Director Patrick Moran of AFSCME - keep your hands out of the pockets of state employees!!

Sincerely,

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