

AFSCME LOCAL 2574

Executive Board Support Letter

August 20, 2026

The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: AFSCME Local 2574 Support for A.9162A / S.7635B

Dear Governor Hochul:

On behalf of the Executive Board of AFSCME Local 2574, I write to express our strong support for A.9162A / S.7635B, legislation that would create an optional 25-year retirement plan for eligible New York 911 dispatchers and emergency communications professionals.

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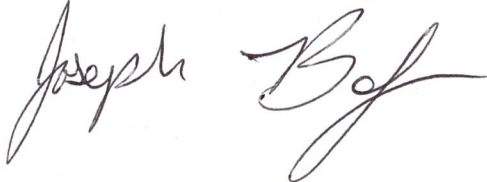
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The New York State Senate and Assembly have passed this measure. We respectfully urge you to support and sign A.9162A / S.7635B when it is presented for executive action.

AFSCME Local 2574 also authorizes the NY 911 Retirement campaign to publicly identify the Local as a supporter and to share this signed letter on its website, social media, and campaign materials.

Thank you for your consideration and for recognizing the service of New York's 911 professionals.

Respectfully,



Joseph Bolzan

President, AFSCME Local 2574
On behalf of the Executive Board

cc: NY 911 Retirement, contact@ny911retirement.org

Signed Support Letter from AFSCME Local 2574 Executive Board

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