District Council 37 AFSCME AFL-CIO

PETITION TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR PATERSON'S PROPOSALS TO REDUCE FUNDING IN SERVICES IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES IN FISCAL YEAR 2009

We the undersigned are OPPOSED to the $1.7 billion in cuts proposed in Governor David Paterson's budget for fiscal year 2009.

If Governor Paterson's budget cuts are enacted by the New York State Legislature they will hurt thousands of families, children, seniors, youth and especially the uninsured who rely on the quality services provided by city workers every day.

As a result of these cuts, New York City will lose nearly $300 million in state Medicaid funding, $770 million in state aid to public schools, and $656 million in direct aid to the city. The Governor is proposing a new Tier 5 pension for new public employees that would eliminate improvements we have achieved.

Therefore, we urge the Governor and the legislature to halt cuts to critical safety-net services, increase revenue streams in a fair and balanced fashion, implement fair taxation and a millionaire's tax, use the rainy day fund and create public sector jobs for the future.

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Please return this petition to the DC 37 Political Action and Legislation Department or your union representative by February 18, 2009.

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