



ATU-COPE Needs Your Help

Like all aspects of our Union,
**ATU-COPE is nothing
without our members.**
To provide a strong political
voice for transit workers,
we need your help!

Contributing to ATU-COPE is easy.

- If your local has a checkoff provision in its contract, simply sign the attached Checkoff Authorization Card to voluntarily authorize your employer to deduct an amount you specify from your pay each month for ATU-COPE.
- Contributions can also be made directly by check, payable to ATU-COPE and sent to: ATU-COPE, 5025 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016-4139.

The ATU Checkoff Card

If your local has an ATU-COPE checkoff card system it's easy to participate. Just fill out the card below and send it to your local.

Checkoff Authorization Card

To My Employer:

I hereby authorize and direct you to deduct from my pay as your employee the sum of \$ _____ dollars per month and to remit that amount to the Amalgamated Transit Union Committee on Political Education (ATU-COPE).

This authorization is voluntarily made by me, based on my specific understanding that the signing of this Authorization Card and the making of these voluntary contributions are not conditions of membership in the Union, or of employment by my employer; that I may refuse or contribute without reprisal; and that I may contribute more or less and will not be favored or disadvantaged by the Union for doing so; and that the ATU-COPE is a Political Action Committee (PAC) connected with the Amalgamated Transit Union, which will use my contribution for political purposes, including but not limited to, making contributions to and expenditures for, candidates for federal, state and local offices and addressing federal, state and local political issues. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Social Security No: _____

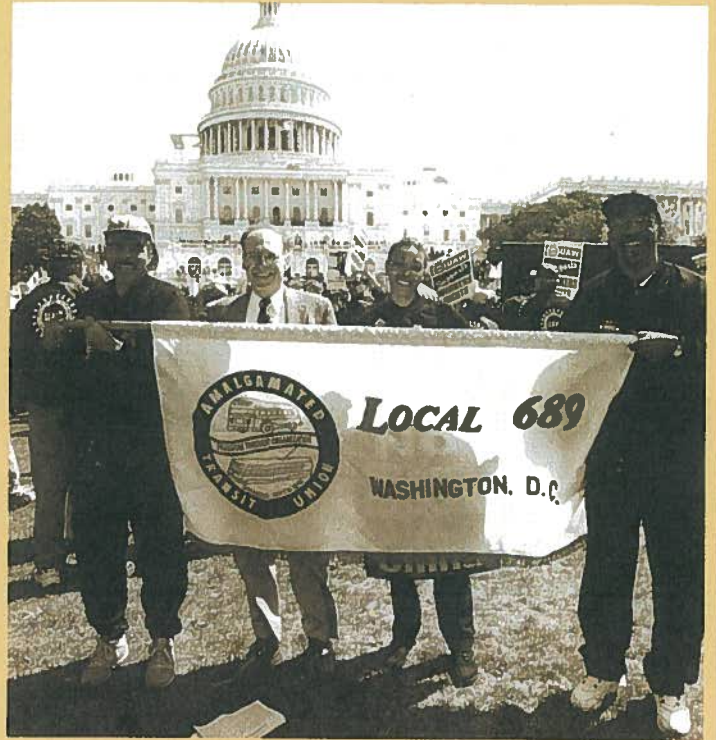
Date: _____

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Right Now, ATU-COPE is Working on Your Behalf

To:

- ▶ Pass legislation in Congress to provide record increases in transit funding.
- ▶ Promote initiatives on the state and local level to increase funding for transit systems and other important public services.
- ▶ Enhance security measures in America's transit, school bus and intercity bus systems and ensure that *every* frontline employee in these systems has received security-related training.
- ▶ Ensure that all vehicles used to transport school children meet federal school bus standards and are operated by qualified drivers.
- ▶ Preserve worker health and safety laws that protect transit, school bus and intercity bus employees on the job.
- ▶ Fight efforts in Congress to make it easier to privatize transit workers jobs and weaken their collective bargaining rights.



Recent ATU-COPE Accomplishments

- ▶ Passed legislation making it a federal crime to assault a transit operator.
- ▶ Secured federal funding for security improvements in the transit and intercity bus industries.
- ▶ Defeated a ballot initiative in Washington State that would have drastically cut transit funding, putting hundreds of ATU members out of work.
- ▶ Prevented efforts to privatize transit services in Maryland and Massachusetts.
- ▶ Supported successful ballot initiatives to increase transit funding in Kansas City, California, and numerous other cities and states across the U.S.