



# The State Employees' Association Of New Hampshire, Inc.

Service Employees International Union, Local 1984, CTW, CLC

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, the State Employees' Association President Rich Gulla issued the following statement:

As one of the oldest unions still in existence in the state of New Hampshire, we attempt to lead by example providing our Members and their communities with unfettered support for the dedication and hard work they provide every day. In the last few weeks, newer labor organizations have questioned our nearly 80 year long commitment, challenging a track record of unwavering support and dedication to all SEA Members.

New Hampshire is unique from other New England states in its close-knit communities and preservation of personal freedoms. As a former police officer, I was not surprised to read the recent St. Anselm College survey of NH residents demonstrated 85% public support approval for local law enforcement. Our law enforcement protect Granite State communities from the inside out, improving the safety of NH residents and businesses alike. Like other community services, our law enforcement agencies continue to seek training and resources to do their jobs to the best of their ability. And like all other SEA Members, it is important to us that our law enforcement brothers and sisters are treated fairly and with respect, as an intrinsic part of the SEA family.

While the SEA has always been humble in touting the amount of work we do in support of Members, we never want this to be perceived as a lack of support for our Members, especially in their time of need. Our Membership is the backbone of NH, and SEA is proud to continue to serve such a diverse, caring, and selfless group of individuals as we do. Together, we are more powerful and able to fight for the needs and rights of our Members to secure stronger wages, benefits, and job protections to ensure that our members' sacrifices are not overlooked.