

# Memo

**To:** Local Union Council Presidents, Chapter Presidents, Stewards, & Legislative Action Committee Members  
**From:** Cathy Osten, President, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001  
**Date:** 2/23/09  
**Re:** SEIU State Council Weekly "Labor Lobby Day" & Legislative Forum Turn-Out Leaflets

Dear Fellow Union Leaders,

Each of the thirteen unions in the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) is coordinating a "labor lobby day" each week for their members to meet with individual lawmakers on the issues impacting our jobs, our services, and our communities. We have selected Wednesday as our "lobby day," along with our sister unions in the SEIU State Council.

We are coordinating transportation, training and materials for members of our State, Municipal, and Retiree Divisions to visit the State Capitol each Wednesday through Wed., 6/3. Enclosed are copies of a flyer with details to post on the union bulletin board in your worksites and pass out to co-workers at Chapter meetings.

Also included are copies of the leaflet listing the twelve Legislative Accountability Forums our SEIU State Council set up in local communities across Connecticut that we promoted in the February edition of the *CSEA News* and at our website's blog. There are seven more meetings scheduled through Mon., 3/23, and each is a chance to tell our elected officials about the impact our active members have on the safety, health, and well being of families across the state, and about the importance of preserving retirement security for public service workers.

News, updates, and opportunities to take action to confront the crisis are linked to the new SEBAC website, [www.InThisTogetherCT.org](http://www.InThisTogetherCT.org), which we announced in the February *CSEA News*. Our Union's website, [www.csea-ct.com](http://www.csea-ct.com), has additional information on how the crisis is impacting our members in sections at both the State Workers' and Municipal and Schools Workers' main pages, as well.

Six weeks into the 2009 legislative session, the economic crisis facing our nation and state has intensified, and all of us need to commit to engage our members to get more involved and get more active.

**CC:** CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Executive Council Members  
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