

# AFT Washington COPE Contribution

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 \*We cannot use work email for political communications

As a member, I want to voluntarily contribute to AFT Washington's **Committee on Political Education (COPE)** which allows me to have a voice in our political endorsement process to elect labor-friendly and public education champions.

I hereby authorize my employer, \_\_\_\_\_ [employer name], through its officers, agents, and employees, to deduct from that portion of my wages due me the amount indicated below and remit to the AFT Washington COPE, 604 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Suite 103, Renton WA 98057, a contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2.50, \$5, \$10, etc.) per paycheck.

I want to make an ongoing **monthly or yearly** (circle one) contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$60, \$100, etc.) from my checking account. **Note:** In order for us to process your contribution by checking account withdrawal, please attach a check for bank verification. Mark "VOID" across the front of the check. We cannot use deposit slips because they do not have complete bank routing information. (Please see below on how to cancel your monthly/yearly automatic contribution.)

I want to increase my ongoing **monthly or yearly** (circle one) contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$60, \$100, etc.).

Enclosed is a **one-time** contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$60, \$75, \$100, etc.) payable to AFT Washington COPE. Please contact me again in a year for another annual donation.

*This authorization shall become effective the date signed and shall remain in effect until written notification to cancel is provided to AFT Washington COPE, 604 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Suite 103, Renton, WA 98057. Contributions or gifts to AFT Washington COPE are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. No employer or union may discriminate against you for contributing or not contributing to a political committee or supporting or opposing a candidate, ballot measure, or political position or party. By law, only union members and executive staff who are U.S. Citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to contribute to COPE. AFT Washington COPE, AFT Washington, and AFT will not give the financial information provided herein to any other organization for any purpose whatsoever. Contributions cannot be reimbursed by AFT Washington or otherwise paid by any other person or entity.*

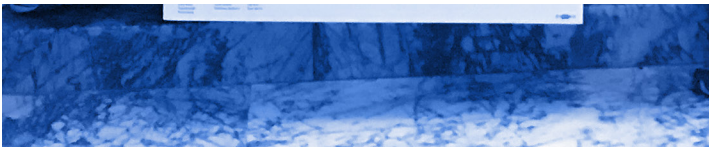
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**If you want more resources, strong collective bargaining, and effective, engaged politicians, you want to join COPE!**



**COPE:**  
*our political muscle*



# The Committee On Political Education

The Committee on Political Education, or COPE, is the political arm of AFT Washington. COPE is a voice for AFT Washington as we advocate for a stronger education system at all levels in Washington and for better working conditions for our members.

Lawmakers, whether on local school boards, in the state legislature, or in statewide offices, make decisions that affect our students' learning conditions and our members' wages, benefits and working conditions. Through COPE, we work to support candidates and that support our members.

COPE is not funded by member dues. We depend on voluntary contributions to fund this work, which includes:

- Drafting candidate questionnaires for the various offices and positions under consideration
- Evaluating completed candidate questionnaires
- Interviewing candidates
- Deciding on which candidates warrant endorsement and to which candidates we should make a campaign financial donation.

Unions play such a critical role in democracy at every level in our country, and COPE is where the bridge between AFT Washington members and our elected officials is built. Our members' contributions ensure that we're able to support policymakers and hold them accountable. I'm excited about our legislative accomplishments over the past few years; they are the start of what we can achieve for our colleges and our communities.



- Travis Margoni, Vice President for COPE

# COPE Is Your (Winning) Voice

AFT Washington's COPE is a statewide committee made up of contributing members that decide which candidates will best support our members' interests and makes endorsements and contributions on that basis. By supporting and electing candidates who agree with our members' priorities, we've racked up an impressive slate of wins!

Through AFT Washington's advocacy, Washington state legislators have:

- ▶ Established an 85% floor for adjunct faculty and required a plan to achieve this goal by 2027.
- ▶ Expanded collective bargaining laws allowing faculty to bargain for local dollars.
- ▶ Protected paraeducator jobs by requiring employers to honor paraeducators' experience.
- ▶ Created the Workforce Education Investment Account, an account solely meant for post-high-school education, through HB 2158.
- ▶ Fully funded I-732 COLAs and 4% COLAs for CTC pro staff.
- ▶ Funded paraeducator professional development.
- ▶ Gained tuition waivers for classified staff.
- ▶ Helped pass the Democracy Package, establishing:
  - » The Washington Voting Rights Act
  - » Automatic voter registration
  - » Same-day voter registration
  - » Postage-paid ballots
- ▶ And much more!

## Get Involved!

AFT Washington COPE is a statewide committee made up of contributing members that decide who we endorse and if contributions are made to campaigns.

COPE is guided by an inclusive, member-based democratic process. The committee chair is elected, and



Members delivering our endorsement to Sen. Nobles and Rep. Slatter.

the voting members of COPE are appointed through their locals from among contributing members. Your voice matters – talk with your local's board about representing your local.

## Contribute To COPE

Our COPE fund is made up solely of voluntary member contributions and is only as powerful as the number of members contributing to it. To maintain a strong voice at the table, we're asking you to become a contributor to COPE.

Fill out the contributor form in this brochure, and submit it to your local leadership, or send it to AFT Washington's office to start contributing! The address is:  
604 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Suite 103  
Renton, WA 98057

Want to do it electronically? Head to [aftwa.org](http://aftwa.org) for an online contribution form.