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TO

S.5306-C Kennedy / A.7574-C Peoples-Stokes

CSEA strongly opposes passage of this legislation.

This bill amends the vehicle and traffic law to create a new Section 1640-o, authorizing the City of Buffalo to adopt a residential parking system.

This bill is a shortsighted approach to the growing problem of inadequate parking spaces in the City of Buffalo. There are currently about 3100 employees at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Unfortunately, the creation of new parking spaces is not keeping pace as only 1,600 spaces are available for employees. Furthermore, CSEA members have to park over a mile from their workplace and are forced to walk through high crime areas. This issue will balloon into a potentially crippling problem within the next few years if the permit system goes through and as more development continues.

A more comprehensive approach to the parking problem in Buffalo needs to be developed before a residential parking system is adopted. We need a better approach to create more parking for workers in order to maintain the success of drawing businesses and jobs to downtown Buffalo.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA urges defeat of this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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