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*Union Remains Strong despite US Supreme Court siding with
Corporations over Working People*
Statement from President Dan DiClemente

ROCHESTER, New York – June 27, 2018 – Dan DiClemente, President of AFSCME Council 66, issued the following statement regarding the US Supreme Court’s decision in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*:

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court overturned decades of legal precedent by declaring that fair share fees to public service unions are no longer constitutional. Rather than decide this case based on the law, activist judges have taken the extraordinary step of siding with corporations that are undermining workers’ rights across the country.

Members are more committed than ever to the Union because they all know their rights to join together to negotiate for better wages, benefits, and working conditions are at stake. This Supreme Court case will only reinforce our resolve and determination to move forward, and our union is in the strongest and best position to overcome any challenge that comes our way. The New York State Constitutional Convention referendum last year showed that when we fight to protect workers’ rights, we win.

Americans need strong unions now more than ever to unrig an economy skewed to benefit the ultra-wealthy. Unions uplift our families and make our communities stronger. Being in a labor union gives us the freedom to provide for our families, care for our loved ones, and retire with dignity. We will never quit on our union, and we will never quit on the communities we are all here to serve.

About Council 66

Council 66 is a part of AFSCME (the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees), and it has 80 local union affiliates that represent 8,500 public and nonprofit sector workers across Upstate New York and the Hudson Valley. Council 66 coordinates contract negotiations, grievances and arbitrations, organizing, political action, issue advocacy, and communications on behalf of our members. The Council is headquartered in the Rochester area and has four other offices in Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany, and the Hudson Valley.

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