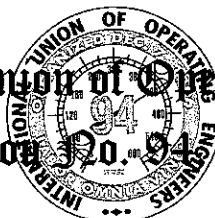


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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. COVID-19 has wreaked havoc upon our City like nothing else in modern history. I am proud of our Brothers and Sisters in IUOE Local 94 and other frontline essential workers such nurses, EMT, police, fireman, and retail workers that continued to work hard to provide the City with vital services while risking their health.

The human and economic toll of the COVID-19 is hard to comprehend, what is clear to understand is that when the story of COVID-19 is told, people will remember that workers defeated this insidious enemy and are heroes.

Local 94 endorses the Heroes Act which the House of Representatives passed on May 15, 2020. The Heroes Act will establish a \$200 billion "COVID-19 Heroes Fund" which Congress intends to use to pay essential frontline employees working in regular contact with others during the COVID-19 pandemic. Essential employees would be eligible for up to a \$10,000 premium bonus for any work done from January 27 until after the end of the COVID-19 crisis. Local 94 will communicate to the New York City Congressional delegation our appeal to have Local 94 members be defined as essential frontline workers and eligible for the COVID-19 Heroes Fund payments.

The Heroes Act will also appropriate \$75 billion for mortgage relief and \$100 billion in assistance for renters and provides \$25 billion for the United States Postal Services which has warned that it could go into bankruptcy by the summer without a bailout. The legislation includes another round of economic stimulus for struggling Americans.

Moreover, the Heroes Act will include economic relief to state and local governments which will help prevent layoffs of public workers, cuts to services or tax hikes. The legislation would provide New York with \$34 billion and the city \$17 billion to make up budget shortfalls caused by COVID-19. The bill also reinstates the SALT itemized deduction for 2020 and 2021 which members of Congress unfairly eliminated to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

We Will Never Forget

Local 94 urges its membership to reach out to the Offices of Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to voice our support for the Heroes Act.

You can contact Senator Schumer at <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck>.

You can contact Senator Gillibrand at <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me>.

When this pandemic is over, Local 94 will find a way to appropriately mourn the lives of lost New Yorkers and will find a way to celebrate the heroism of Local 94 members and other working people throughout this pandemic.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kuba Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "B".

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