

Resolution of the Schenectady Central Labor Council in Support of the Adoption of a Sweatfree Apparel and Textiles Purchasing Policy by the City of Schenectady

Whereas the New York State Legislature adopted legislation in 2002 that was renewed in 2006 which allows local governments to exclude sweatshops as "responsible bidders" for textile and apparel purchases; and

Whereas New York state remains a national center of the US garment industry; and

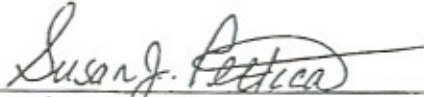
Whereas the local governments of the cities of New Paltz and Albany as well as Suffolk County have adopted sweatfree purchasing policies consistent with the state enabling law; and

Whereas sweatfree purchasing policies encourage an expansion of worker rights and fair wages along with enhanced purchasing of goods from unionized manufacturers and worker cooperatives; and

Whereas the Albany County Central Federation of Labor voted to advocate the implementation of a sweatfree purchasing policy by the City of Albany in 2006.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Schenectady Central Labor Council urges the adoption of a sweatfree purchasing policy for apparel and textiles by the Schenectady City Council and Mayor Stratton and FURTHERMORE: That the Schenectady Central Labor Council share this resolution with other labor councils statewide and urge their support for the adoption of sweatfree purchasing policies in their area.

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