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Dear Members of the New Jersey State Senate:

### Please Support NJN and Vote in Favor of SCR-166

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO respectfully ask for your support of SCR-166, which disapproves the State Treasurer's negotiated contract regarding New Jersey Network (NJJ) public television and radio.

NJJ, New Jersey's only local television station, must be preserved. The negotiated contract would give away NJN to New York station WNET. Our legislators have a clear choice. They can give away our public television station to New York, or they can reject the State Treasurer's plan and keep NJN in New Jersey.

WNET bought a public television station in Long Island nine years ago, promising extensive Long Island coverage. Now, the words Long Island don't even appear on the station schedule. The same thing could happen to NJN if the negotiated contract moves forward.

Furthermore, WNET has said they will operate the new entity with only 15-20 employees. Currently, NJN has approximately 130 employees that are represented by CWA Local 1032 and IFPTE Local 195. These employees would lose their jobs under the State Treasurer's negotiated contract.

We must ensure that NJN remains and that the residents of our state have access to "jersey centric" broadcasting. We respectfully ask that the legislature reject the State Treasurer's negotiated contract and that funding be restored to continue the operations of NJN.

Sincerely,

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