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NJ Area Director

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Thursday morning, Senator Sweeney held a press conference in which he said that he would not post the Constitutional Amendment for a final vote in the Senate, the last step necessary to place the question on the ballot in November. His stated reason was that he is one or two votes short of a veto-proof majority on a bill to fund the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

There is no reason that the TTF should hold up the posting of the Constitutional Amendment, but the Senate President has decided to link the outcome of the TTF with our Constitutional Amendment. We do not believe that we will overcome this obstacle by the deadline which is this Monday, August 8. We leave it to you to discern if that was deliberate.

We are discussing our next steps and will write more about this later, but rest assured that CWA will never stop fighting for retirement security for our members and retirees. We will leave no stone unturned and we will take every action necessary until we are successful. We will continue to fight for full funding of the public employee pension system one day longer and one day stronger, no matter what.

More to come soon. Hold your heads up high. We must and **we will** protect the pension system.

In Solidarity,

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CWA NJ Area Director

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