

Dear editor:

My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am an essential public employee and member of OCSEA/AFSCME Local 11 Chapter [INSERT CHAPTER #]. My union co-workers and I at [INSERT WORK LOCATION] kept Ohio running through the pandemic. But now we fear that our sacrifices are being quickly forgotten as the pandemic shifts. As a public union member, I am asking Gov. DeWine and the State of Ohio to do the right thing and use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds and/or the current budget surplus to pay Ohio's essential workers for their service during the pandemic.

As an essential public employee, I... [INSERT specifics about the job you do]. I care about Ohio and my community. But we can only make our communities stronger if we invest in public employees to provide quality public services.

Essential employees made daily sacrifices to keep Ohioans safe during the pandemic and keep our State's economy afloat. The State has the ability to pay employees right now and honor our union contract and those they call "heroes."

Respectfully,

Full name

OCSEA Chapter Name and #

Address

Contact number and email