

# Say **“No!”** to a **Constitutional** **Convention**



Every 20 years, New York voters are asked whether the state should hold a Constitutional Convention. The question will be on the ballot in November 2017.

And we should answer, **“NO.”**

A convention would cost taxpayers more than \$300 million. That is a ridiculous price to pay to give special interests the opportunity to weaken public employee protections and slash government services.

## Protect Your Rights

The New York State Constitution enshrines many of the rights and protections that New York residents and union members enjoy. These include:

- a guarantee that the pensions of public sector retirees will not be cut
- the right to a public education
- the right to be a member of a union and to bargain collectively for contracts, and
- the right to workers' compensation

Changes adopted at a convention could restrict the state Legislature's power on budget matters, opening the door to deep reductions in public services and workers' retirement security.



## Our Pensions and Benefits are at Risk!

Tell your family and friends about the dangers of a Constitutional Convention.

Join the campaign to urge New Yorkers to vote **“NO”** on a Constitutional Convention.

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