



# *LOCAL UNION 97*

## *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

### *Syracuse, New York*

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Brothers and Sisters,

Local 97 stands in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the IBEW throughout New York State in opposition to proposed legislation which would irreparably damage the jurisdiction of the IBEW over transmission line work across the state. These proposed bills are:

- **NYS Senate: Memorandum S.8306B-NEW part EEE of 2025 Senate proposed budget.**
- **NYS Assembly: A.8808B TED Part O Rapid Act.**

If these bills were passed, Project Labor Agreements would be required for the construction of transmission facilities in New York State. This would designate the Building and Construction Trade Labor Organization as the collective bargaining representative for all workers on those projects. IBEW Local Unions do not and cannot belong to the building trades. As such, we would lose jurisdiction over this work.

I implore every member of Local 97 to reach out to your New York State Senator in opposition to **Memorandum S.8306B-NEW part EEE of 2025 Senate proposed budget** and to your New York State Assemblyperson in opposition to **A.8808B TED Part O Rapid Act**. Your Senator and Assemblyperson can be found through the sites below.

- <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>
- <https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

In Solidarity,

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