

**2017 AFT Pennsylvania Biennial**

**Political Action Committee**

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***AFT Pennsylvania and its affiliates will work to re-elect  
Governor Tom Wolf and Senator Robert P. Casey***

**WHEREAS:** US Senator Robert Casey has a long history of advocating for education funding, healthcare, and the rights of workers, children and families; and

**WHEREAS:** Senator Casey has worked since his election to the US Senate in 2006 to create family-sustaining jobs, invest in the future of our children, create incentives to rebuild our infrastructure and protect the dignity of vulnerable people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS:** As Pennsylvania's Auditor General and State Treasurer, Senator Casey worked tirelessly to make government more accountable, transparent and responsive to the needs of Pennsylvania residents; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Tom Wolf made good on his campaign pledge to restore the Corbett-era education funding cuts to K-12 education, increased the state's investment in early childhood education, and proposed in three of four budgets to increase funding for public colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Tom Wolf vetoed legislation that would have hurt working educators by permitting school districts to furlough teachers without regards to seniority and tenure; and

**WHEREAS:** Governor Tom Wolf has raised awareness of and fought to build consensus around issues such as the opioid addiction crisis, the American Health Care Act, Medicaid expansion which particularly benefits special-needs and at-risk student populations, "ban the box" that makes it difficult for those with criminal records to reenter the workforce, investment in good-paying jobs and workforce training and other initiatives;

**WHEREAS:** AFT Pennsylvania's Executive Council has voted to endorse Robert P. Casey to retain his seat representing Pennsylvania in the US Senate and to endorse Governor Tom Wolf for a second term as Pennsylvania governor.

**BE IT RESOLVED: AFT Pennsylvania's Biennial Convention delegates affirm the Executive Council's endorsements; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED: AFT Pennsylvania affiliates will join AFTPA in educating members about the importance of re-electing Senator Casey and Governor Wolf; and**

**BE IT RESOLVED: AFT Pennsylvania affiliates will participate actively in the statewide 2018 election program to elect Senator Casey and Governor Wolf.**