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Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins:

I write on behalf of the 5,800 CSEA members who work for the courts in New York State to express our strong disappointment and dismay that the right of due process, recognized as a principle tenet of all of labor as a basic right, has been so maligned and ignored in the nomination of the Honorable Judge LaSalle as the next Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. I further join with our brothers and sisters of the court unions in supporting Judge LaSalle for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

While there may be questions to be answered with regard to this important nomination, to voice strong opposition before a fair hearing and before the candidate has the opportunity to respond and explain any positions is contrary to all we believe in as a fair society. Further, court decisions should not be misconstrued to fit a narrative without a thorough explanation of the specific facts and circumstances being decided.

I have heard from the CSEA court members of the great respect Judge LaSalle has for the employees of the courts and the fair treatment and temperament he has always displayed towards these employees. He treats them with dignity and the respect is mutual.

Further, Judge LaSalle has led the largest appellate court in the country with intellect and dignity and has the experience necessary to lead our New York State courts to ensure everyone's rights are protected.

I appreciate the task that you have before you and look forward to working with all of you.

Yours in Unionism,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary E. Sullivan".

MARY E. SULLIVAN
President
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