

Retiree Advocate UFT

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Why would anyone give up the protections of Section 12-126?

Which NYC Retiree Health Plan did you choose? As a UFT retiree, the cost of that plan is protected by the price threshold set in NYC Administrative Code Section 12-126. The price threshold obligates the City to pay the cost of your insurance up to the HIP-HMO rate, which is currently about \$918 a month. If your insurance costs less than \$918, then your health benefits are covered, cost-free. If your insurance is greater than \$918, then you are obligated to make up the monthly difference in price.

That's a nice price protection to have in City law. Why would anyone ever give it up? Why would anyone ever consider stripping that protection out of City law and putting it into the hands of the mayor and a few union presidents? That is what amending Section 12-126 would do.

Mayors and union presidents come and go. The law offers much more stability.

We dedicated our careers to public service, not for great pay, but to do good for the City's children, our communities, and our families. What we sacrificed in pay, we expected to make up in decent, stable benefits both in-service, and in retirement. Let's not give up what we have. What we give up in law, we will very likely never get back.

**Urge City Council. Urge Michael Mulgrew:
Do not amend Section 12-126!**

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