

February 14, 2025

Dear AFT Connecticut Local President,

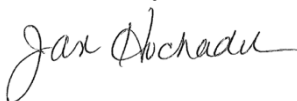
This year, AFT Connecticut will be doing a raffle to benefit AFT COPE - Federal Political Action Committee at this year's Business Convention on May 3, 2025 at The Fox Tower at Foxwoods. The Raffle was a great success in the past and we would like to continue that success again this year!

The funds raised will help build a strong committee to elect friendly candidates to office and lobby legislators on issues of concern to us all. One of the ways we advocate for our agenda is through the political process. Whether our employers are schools, hospitals, or state/local governments, many decisions that affect the lives of our members are made in the political arena; the presidency, Congress, governor, constitutional officers, state legislature, school boards, town councils, etc.

**Will you help us out by asking to see if your local will donate an item for our raffle** to help our political action program at AFT Connecticut? All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Your donation can be something as simple as a gift certificate to a business or a signed autograph book or sports memorabilia. Enclosed is a suggestion list.

A donation form for the raffle item is also enclosed. Please complete the form and send it to Nicole Conti by emailing [nconti@aftct.org](mailto:nconti@aftct.org) or by mailing it to our office. Please have the item delivered to our AFT Connecticut office - 35 Marshall Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 - by Tuesday, **April 29, 2025**. Thank you for your consideration of our request to help out the AFT Federal COPE Fund. If you have any questions regarding COPE, please contact Teri Merisotis at 860-257-9782 or [tmerisotis@aftct.org](mailto:tmerisotis@aftct.org).

In Solidarity,



Jan Hochadel  
President

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May 3, 2025

The Fox Tower @ Foxwoods



**We are raising funds for our Federal Political Action Committee, AFT/COPE. These funds will help build a strong committee to elect friendly candidates to office and lobby legislators on issues of concern to all of us.**

## **RAFFLE IDEAS:**

### **Affinity Baskets:**

Coffee or Tea Baskets  
Bubble Bath Baskets  
Themed Food Basket  
Wine Basket  
Kitchen Basket

### **Gift Certificates:**

Restaurants  
Theater (Bushnell, Hartford Stage)  
Spa Day

### **Tickets:**

Sports Tickets (baseball, hockey, UCONN, etc.)  
Connecticut Science Center  
Mystic Aquarium/Seaport Tickets  
Movie Theater Tickets  
Amusement Parks (Six Flags, Lake Compounce)

### **Autograph Items:**

Signed books by famous authors  
Signed photographs/items

### **Vacation Packages** **Jewelry**



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# RAFFLE

## Donation Form

Local Name:
Contact Person:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Description of item or service being donated:
Approximate Retail Value:

Thank you for your support!



Please **email** or mail this form to Nicole Shea  
at AFT Connecticut by Tuesday, April 29, 2025

[nshea@aftct.org](mailto:nshea@aftct.org)

AFT-CT, 35 Marshall Rd., Rocky Hill, CT 06067