

# **Statement Denouncing New York's McCarthyist Executive Order # 157**

GSOC-UAW 2110 is greatly disappointed by Executive Order #157 signed by Governor Cuomo in early June. The decision, as many have observed, echoes and reminds us of the dark ages of McCarthyism that were hurtful and distressing to many unions and union-members nation-wide. Besides being an unconstitutional violation of free speech (of which boycotts are a form of), such executive orders provide the groundwork and basis for quelling dissent, especially of minorities and minority positions. This executive order gives authoritative excuses to maintain the status quo by denying Palestinians and Palestine activism its right to free speech as well as short-circuiting the democratic process that grass-roots organizations and our union hold dear.

As GSOC-UAW 2110, we call on Governor Cuomo to repeal this undemocratic and unconstitutional order and respect the opinions and freedoms of individuals and institutions, cooperatives and business, and unions such as our own to form their own politics and positions.

Statement ratified by the GSOC-UAW-Local 2110 Assembly of Stewards



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