



HOW TO TALK TO MEMBERS ABOUT EDUES:

Payroll deduction for dues payment is being targeted for elimination. If you don't switch to E-Dues, the agency could terminate your union membership without your consent by refusing to take union dues out of your paycheck.

To stay in the union and keep it strong, we need everyone to switch from payroll deduction to a new way to pay dues. It's quick, easy, and private! Just like paying for a gym membership, AFGE has a program where you can pay dues electronically. You can use a credit card or bank account, and it's faster, safer, and more secure than payroll deduction.

Switching members to Edues:

It is easy to get members to switch from payroll deduction to E-Dues. Here is a sample script to use.

1. Intro

You: Hi, thanks for taking the time to chat with me today. How are you doing?

Member: I'm good, thanks! Just busy with work as usual.

You: I hear you! We all have a lot on our plates. I wanted to talk to you about maintaining your union membership.

Member: Sure, what's up?

2. The Need

You: As you may have heard, Payroll deduction for dues payment is being targeted for elimination. If you don't switch to E-Dues, the agency could terminate your union membership without your consent by refusing to take union dues out of your paycheck.

Member: Really? I hadn't heard about that. What does that mean for me?

You: It means we need to move to E-Dues to stay members of the Union. That's why I want to discuss switching to E-Dues. It's a secure and convenient electronic dues program that allows you to manage your payments directly.

3. How to Do It

Member: How does E-Dues work?

You: It's simple! You can pay your dues via credit card, debit card or bank draft. It gives you more control over your payments, making the process easier and faster than traditional payroll deductions. Plus, it's private—your financial information stays secure. You can do it from your phone at join.afge.org/



4. Handling Questions

Member: That sounds interesting, but I'm a bit hesitant about switching from payroll deduction. I've always done it that way.

You: I completely understand. Many folks feel that way at first. First, we don't really have a choice, Payroll deduction is under threat and may be going away. Second, it is more secure than the old paper forms. Finally, it ensures that your membership is safe from being cancelled by the Agency, regardless of what happens politically.

Member: What if I face issues with payments or have questions?

You: Great question! With E-Dues, you have direct access to support if you run into any issues. And you can always reach out to us at the local for assistance—your membership and satisfaction are our top priorities.

Member: That is reassuring. Is switching to E-Dues a complicated process?

You: Not at all! The sign-up process takes just a few minutes. I can help you with it right now if you're interested. It's a simple website, and then you'll be set up!

5. Calling the Question

You: Are you ready to sign up on E-dues, and make sure your membership is secure?

Member: Okay, I'm willing to make the change. Let's do it!

6. Signing up the Member on E-Dues and Completing an 1188

You: Fantastic! I'll walk you through the sign-up process. Together, we're not just protecting your membership; we're strengthening our union for everyone. I can help you get an 1188 payroll drop form filled out once we are done.