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The State Actuary

Mr. Matthew Smith
Office of the State Actuary
P.O. Box 40914
Olympia, WA 98504-0914

Dear Mr. Smith:

The International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE) Local 17 represents Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers (CVEOs) at the Washington State Patrol who were converted from Commercial Vehicle Officers (CVOs) in 2006.

The State Patrol and our organization worked countless hours determining how best to convert these positions into those that required arming of state employees. The conversion was of great benefit to the State Patrol and the citizens of the state.

The former CVOs were participants in the PERS retirement system and were subsequently transferred into the PSERS system. I believe that the impact of this transfer was not fully realized by the parties or the affected employees at the time.

In similar conversion projects subsequent to this one, existing employees have had a limited time option to remain in PERS or convert to PSERS. In the case of this group, they were not given that option.

Many of those employees have since determined that if they had the option it would have been advantageous for them to remain in PERS.

On behalf of those employees I am seeking the opportunity to address this issue during this legislative session if possible.

I request the opportunity to discuss this with you, the Select Committee on Pension Policy and/or your staff at the soonest opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Vince Oliveri'.

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January 17, 2011

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Dear Mr. Oliveri,

Thank you for your letter to Matt Smith dated January 13, 2011. This correspondence was received in the Office of the State Actuary (OSA) on January 14, 2011. We will forward your correspondence to the SCPP and include it in the executive meeting materials for the first meeting of the 2011 Interim.

You mentioned in your letter that you would prefer for the Legislature to take action with respect to your issue during the 2011 session. If that is the case, you will need to work directly with a member of the legislature and independently from the SCPP. The SCPP usually meets only during the interim months between sessions, and has already finalized its recommendations for the 2011 session.

For future reference, the SCPP receives many requests to study various issues or make specific recommendations to the legislature. All suggestions are made known to the Committee. You can view the SCPP agendas, track the progress of issues studied by the Committee, and find the yearly recommendations made to the Legislature by visiting the SCPP website at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/SCPP/default.htm>.

Aaron Gutierrez of our office will be contacting you soon about your request.

Thank you for contacting our office about your concerns.

Sincerely,

Keri Wallis
Administrative Assistant

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