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To Whom It May Concern:

Teamsters Local 690, located primarily in Eastern Washington, represents hundreds of municipal and county public safety employees. These employees should be considered for the Public Safety Employees Retirement System (PSERS) and the Early Retirement Factor (ERF) because the responsibilities of their job classifications come with one or more of the following factors:

- High degree of physical risk
- High stress environment
- Potential exposure to severe risk on a daily basis
- Responsibility to provide public protection of lives and/or property
- High physical demands
- Exposure to violent criminal activity and its aftermath
- Minimal opportunity to advance into managerial/supervisory roles

These employees hold a wide variety of job titles, including :

Non-commissioned local law enforcement: Local and state law enforcement agencies non-commissioned staff suffer a high risk of stress and physical harm. Property, forensics, and animal control officers are just a few of these positions with constant exposure to dangerous circumstances and potential trauma. Local 690 represents these employees at the **Whitman County, Stevens County, and Pend Oreille County** as well as municipal public safety including dozens of public safety employees in **Colville, Chewelah, Kettle Falls, and Liberty Lake** who face daily exposure to high stress and risk.

General Local

The Washington Counties of: Spokane, Asotin, Garfield, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Whitman and that part of Ferry, Lincoln and Adams Counties East of State Highway 21 from the Canadian Border South to State Highway 395 and continuing South to the Franklin County Line and that part of Idaho County North of a line drawn East and West through the North City Limits of Riggins, Idaho. Construction Jurisdiction in Eastern Washington East of the Cascade Mountain Range and to include that part of Idaho County North of a line drawn East and West through the North City Limits of Riggins, Idaho.

Emergency Dispatch (911): Emergency dispatch and 911 operators have a high risk of post traumatic stress disorder and related health disorders. Our members at the Cheney Emergency Dispatch Services deserve consideration under PSERS and ERF.

Public road crews: Road crews face high physical risks and stress from reckless drivers, construction equipment, high heat and freezing temperatures and hazardous working conditions. Our members at the **Whitman Public Works Department** work hard, physical jobs and deserve coverage and access to early retirement benefits.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Val Holstrom,
Secretary-Treasurer