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Select Committee on Pension Policy
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Dear Members of the SCPP:

The Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28 has over 50,000 members in Washington State. Our membership is very diverse. In the public sector alone, Teamsters include corrections personnel, public works and refuse crews, 911 operators, local and state law enforcement and classified school employees. Many of our job classifications across these diverse sectors are high risk and high stress and should be included in the Public Safety Employees Retirement System (PSERS). We ask that the following job categories and subsequent job classifications be included in PSERS.

- Local and State law enforcement agencies
- Non-commissioned local law enforcement
- Public road crews
- Public refuse workers
- Classified staff working with environmental hazards or required to have a commercial drivers license (CDL)
- Prisons division personnel
- Emergency 9-1-1 center personnel

Additionally, we ask that classified staff be considered for early retirement factors in the context of the "School Employee Early Retirement Factor" study. Many of these people work on the front lines with the most difficult children. They do things like toilet, feed, lift, and deescalate students every day. Administrative support personnel are required to work in physically repetitive environments which lead to hand, wrist, neck, shoulder, and back problems.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need further information regarding any of these job categories/classifications. We hope you will recommend PSERS as the most appropriate retirement system and allow early retirement factors to be reinstated for school employees.

Sincerely,

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