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Dear Members of the New Jersey State Legislature:

**Please Support Public Employee Pension Quarterly Payment Legislation
(S-3100: Gordon / Greenstein & A-4605: Wimberly / Lagana) & Pension Supplemental
Appropriation (S-3107: Sweeney / Greenstein & A-4606: Prieto / Singleton)**

**Please Oppose A-4265 (McKeon / Pintor Marin) & S-2783 (Codey) –
Requires Police & Firefighter Residency**

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO respectfully ask for your support of two bills that will have meaningful, positive impact on the various public employee pension systems that are drastically underfunded. S-3100 would ensure that pension payments are made on a quarterly basis so that the revenue deposited accrues additional investment returns as well as ensuring pension funds aren't diverted from the budget by the end of the fiscal year.

We also ask for your support of S-3107, which would appropriate \$300 million in anticipated new revenues to the chronically underfunded system.

Finally, we respectfully ask you to vote "No" on A-4265 / S-2783. This type of residency restriction should be discussed on an individual department bases through the process of collective negotiations, not legislated. Furthermore, this type of legislation leaves the door open for abuses within the collective bargaining process that could negatively impact a department and first responders. The purpose of testing individuals is to get the best qualified person for the position. Where someone lives is not relevant to the quality of an applicant. If this bill is allowed to go forward and new firefighters or police officers are forced to live in a specific town or area for five years, it will diminish the testing process which will not necessarily produce the best qualified individuals but those who happen to live or willing to live in a specific area.

We thank you for your consideration of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO's position on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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