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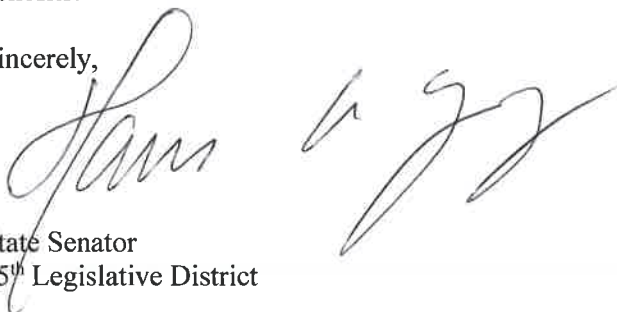
Dear Representative Fitzgibbon and Senator Bailey,

I am writing to request that the Select Committee on Pension Policy look into the possibility of transferring the Public Employees Retirement System II (PERSII) retirement plan into the Public Safety Employees Retirement System (PSERS) without a reduction in PERS II benefits.

I was recently approached by a constituent who has been a member of both plans but the dates that he may begin collecting the benefits are different and the age at which he can collect cause concern. He is a corrections officer, and to receive his full benefits, he would have to work until the age of 62. There are many stressors in this line of work that can put the officers in dangerous situations and take a toll on them physical, emotionally, and mentally.

I would ask that the committee look at allowing dual membership corrections officers to move PERS II into PSERS, and allow members to collect full retirement benefits without a reduction to the PERS II benefits.

Sincerely,



State Senator
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