

March 1, 2006

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor of Michigan
State Capitol
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ATTN: SCHEDULING DIVISION

Dear Governor Granholm:

I am the Chairperson of the State Employee Retirees Association Coordinating Council (SERA CC). Our organization advocates solely for over 40,000 State Retirees and has 21 Chapters in the state. I was directed by your staff to use this letter as a request for a meeting with you. I was further directed to indicate dates that I can attend a scheduled meeting with you. I can make any adjustments in my schedule to attend a meeting except that I will be out of state from March 22nd through April 3rd. The issue(s) that we would like to discuss are:

There is a relatively small number of state retirees who retired prior to October 1, 1986 whose pensions, in many instances, are below the poverty level guidelines. This is due to the salary structure at the time of retirement. This group of retirees did receive periodic adjustments and the last of these was in 1987. Recently, early retirees were given a 17% enhancement to their lifetime retirement amounts. We believe that this is unfair to those pre-1986 retirees and some type of corrective action should be taken. It would appear that some adjustment in their pensions would not be costly because of the decreasing number of these economically-harmed retirees through natural attrition. We would like to discuss a possible remedy to this situation.

As I indicated above, I could attend a meeting at any time. I would probably have Alvin Whitfield (Vice-Chair) and one, or two, others attend the meeting with me. If a meeting could be scheduled to discuss this issue I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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