

August 21, 2005

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Governor of Michigan  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

I am writing this letter as Chairperson of the State Employee Retirees Association Coordinating Council (SERA CC). SERA is the only organization that advocates solely for State Retirees. SERA has 21 Chapters in the State of Michigan and a membership of over 12,000.

SERA representatives have met frequently with Mr. David Fink (OSE) and Jan Winters (Civil Service) over the past 3 years regarding Health Care issues and other concerns of State Retirees. We supported and cooperated with OSE, Employee Benefits and Blue Cross/Blue Shield in the transition of over 8000 retirees from the Aetna Health Care program to the State Health Plan (BC/BS). Because we had worked together, I believe that the transition from Aetna to Blue Cross went smoothly and fairly problem free. The transition that we supported saved the State a significant amount of money.

In the past couple years we had invited you to attend and speak at one of our quarterly meetings but due to scheduling conflicts you were unavailable. I would like to extend another invitation to join us for lunch and speak to our group. This invitation is for Friday, November 3, 2005. We meet at the Midway Hotel, 7711 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing. We normally have lunch at 11:45 a.m. and the speaker usually makes his/her presentation at 1:15 p.m. Recognizing the complexity of your schedule, we would, of course, adapt our schedule on that date to accommodate yours. We would hope that your schedule would allow for your attendance at our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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