



March 28, 2014

Senator
Senate Finance Committee
Harrisburg, PA

Re: SB1169

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the 4,500 elected officials who govern the commonwealth's public school districts, **we are writing to request your support of SB1169, legislation that removes future employees of PSBA from participation in the Public School Employee Retirement System.** Senator Folmer's legislation is an action that PSBA fully supports and we are grateful that he has introduced the legislation.

While this bill does not address the significant problems with the unfunded liability of the Public Employee Retirement System we believe that PSBA must lead through example. The Association is supportive of the adoption of either a hybrid pension plan or an alternative plan whose effect would be to reduce employer (School Districts) costs over time. PSBA will move to a 401(k) defined contribution system for all future employees.

I want to thank you for the time and attention. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (717) 506-2450 x3337.

Sincerely,

John M. Callahan
Senior Director of Government Affairs