

## EXAMPLE LETTERS TO STATE LEGISLATORS

*Feel free to edit to tell your story!*

Date

Honorable [Representative's Name]

Address

Dear [Senator or Representative] [Insert Their Name]:

I am writing to urge you to reject any wholesale changes to the state pension system. The changes that are being proposed will cost taxpayers more in the long run than allowing Act 120 of 2010 or the Pension Reform act to do its job. Pensions are not giveaways, but deferred compensation. Investing in our teachers is an investment in the future of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

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Date

Honorable [Representative's Name]

Address

Dear [Senator or Representative] [Insert Their Name]:

I live at \_\_\_\_\_ and I urge you to reject legislation that would change the teacher and other public employees' pension plans from a defined benefit plan to a 401K or hybrid plan. I have paid into the plan every paycheck and now 90% of the value of the pension systems is employee contributions and investment returns.

Short term fixes to PSERS and SERS will damage the pension systems in the long term and cost taxpayers more money. Three years ago, Act 120 passed with bipartisan support to solve the underfunding problem. Give Act 120 a chance to work.

Please vote against any proposal that breaks the retirement commitment to teachers, nurses, police officers, and other public employees. Act 120 is designed to stabilize the pension systems, protect retirements, and save the taxpayers money. Let Act 120 work.

Please write back and let me know that you will not damage these important pension systems.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]