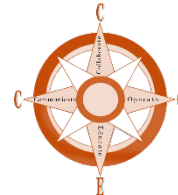




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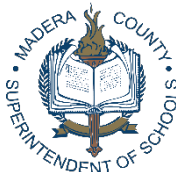
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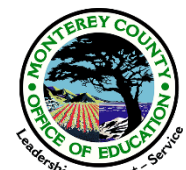
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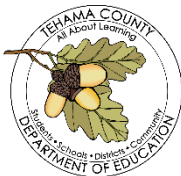
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March 31, 2022

The Honorable Jim Cooper
Chair, Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee
1020 N Street, Room 153
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Assembly Bill 1667 (Cooper)
Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Cooper,

On behalf of the organizations listed, we respectfully request your support of AB 1667 (Cooper), as amended March 24, 2022, which will protect a teachers' retirement security by ensuring that any California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) retiree will be justly compensated for benefit reductions that stem from employer and CalSTRS reporting errors. This important measure will additionally create a more transparent and accountable system to ensure school and community college districts receive timely and accurate information from CalSTRS, reducing the likelihood of reporting mistakes in the future.

Specifically, this bill will:

1. Ensure retired members are not be held liable for prior overpayments, except in cases of "member error;"
2. Hold CalSTRS accountable for guidance later determined to be erroneous;
3. Require that CalSTRS regularly update an official guidance document governing employer reporting;
4. Clarify that any changes to CalSTRS' interpretation of creditable compensation laws must be preceded by prior notice;
5. Require that CalSTRS publish all audit reports on their website;
6. Ensure that CalSTRS' appeal process allows all individuals impacted by an audit the right to appeal.

On behalf of listed organizations, we thank you for your leadership and stewardship of this important issue and look forward to advancing this important measure.

Sincerely,



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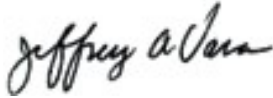
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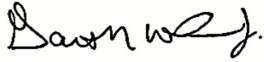
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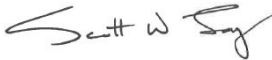
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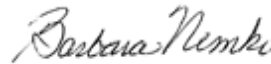
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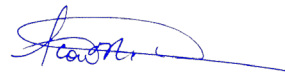
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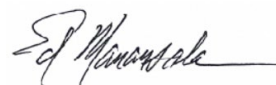
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