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Dear chapter representative,

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As you are aware, the local politicians as well as the ones in Springfield have launched a major offensive against our current pension system. The politicians have determined it is our pension system causing their financial problems as opposed to their deplorable management of tax dollars.

We have received many requests from our membership for us to get involved and “do something” about what is happening. Believe me, we have tried. Unfortunately in the current climate no one wants to listen to a union. It is very clear the public opinion has turned against unions nationwide. The events in Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio confirm unions are in trouble nationwide. Politicians have purposely done this to direct the public anger towards unions and away from the real reason for their financial problems, their own mismanagement.

All this is even true in Illinois, a state controlled by “union friendly” Democrats. Yes, unions are better off here than our neighboring states but our “friendly” politicians are not going to let a crisis go to waste. The teacher’s union could not stop the change to their pension system. The coalition of police and fire unions could not stop the change to our pension system for new hires. It is clear the politicians have no interest in listening to unions. As your union we will continue to fight to preserve your pension rights. I must admit, however, our efforts so far have been in vain, just as the other unions involved have been.

That being said, the **voice the politicians will listen to is yours**. Unions do not vote; you do, your families do. The best way to fight this assault on your rights is for you and your families to get involved. Write your representatives, call their offices and tell them to leave your pension system alone. There are tens of thousands of police officers and firefighters in this state. You are the ones the politicians will listen to.

So contact your friends, families, and co-workers. Call and write representatives. You are the voters. You are who they will listen to. If you need help wording your letter, contact us and we will help you.

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Sincerely,
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