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Comments on Governor's Proposed State Employee Pension Fund Changes

Chief negotiator for the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) Attorney Daniel E. Livingston made the following statement on today's announcement by Governor Dannel P. Malloy to engage in discussions over changes to the State Employee Retirement System (SERS):

"We have long pointed out that Connecticut has a well-funded and modest pension system for current employees, and that the real issue is a long standing debt largely caused by politicians who were in office long before we began collectively bargaining benefits in 1981.

"By law, no change in funding provisions can occur unless both sides agree that it is fair to public service workers and the public we serve. We welcome the opportunity to work with the governor, other constitutional officers and the General Assembly on the most responsible way to pay down that old debt and sustain a system that benefits Connecticut's economy."

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The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) unites all 15 unions representing 45,000 Connecticut state public service workers together to address important issues to all its members and the people they serve.

- > Administrative & Residual Union Local 4200/AFT
- > AFT Connecticut
- > American Association of University Professors – Connecticut State University
- > American Association of University Professors – UCONN
- > American Federation of State, County, & Municipal Employees - Council 4
- > Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges/ SEIU Local 1973
- > Connecticut Association of Prosecutors
- > Connecticut Employees Union Independent/ SEIU Local 511
- > Connecticut Federations of School Administrators Local 61
- > Connecticut Police and Fire Union/IAFF-IUPA
- > Connecticut State Police Union
- > CSEA SEIU Local 2001
- > International Brotherhood of Police Officers/SEIU Local 731
- > Judicial Professional Employees Union, AFT Local 4200-B
- > New England Healthcare Employees Union, District 1199/SEIU
- > UCONN Health Center Faculty-AAUP