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Frank J. Karpinski Executive Director RE: Public Records Request

Dear Mr.

We write in response to your April 7, 2015 request for information pursuant to the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act (APRA). Your specific request is noted below along with our corresponding response.

Here's the reference to a 1994 ProJo story. If you can identify any of these persons as still receiving state pensions, that will be helpful.

"Mayer seeking pension repeal for union leaders," By Katherine Gregg, PJ, 18 Feb. 1994: A-01.

An affidavit of James M. Reilly, assistant director of the State Retirement System, 12 Sep. 1994, in Superior Court CA 94-0389L, listed the ages and pension history of 24 union officials: John Callaci, Diana Casey, Edward Casey, Jr., Robert Casey, Bernard Connerton, Ronald DiOrio, Denise Felice, Joseph Grande, Gloria Heisler, Karen Comiskey Jenkins, Robert Joy, Jamice Lanik, Charlene Lee, Cornelius McAuliffe, Edward McElroy, Harvey Press, Vincent Santianiello, Joan Silva, Bernard Singleton, Diane Thurber, Jeanette Wooley, Jennie Blanchet, Richard DeOrsey, and Frank Montanaro.

We have reviewed our computer database for the above referenced individuals and found only four members collecting pensions: Bernard Connerton (deceased); Gloria Heisler; Harvey Press; and Joseph Grande. Those individuals were members of the retirement system on the basis of previous state or teaching employment separate and apart from the factual issues in the above referenced Superior Court matter.

If you contend you have been denied access to public records, pursuant to RIGL §38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Frank J. Karpinski, Executive Director of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, 50 Service Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Warwick, RI 02886. You may also file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the records are maintained.

Additional information regarding the Access to Public Records Act may be found at <a href="http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment">http://www.riag.ri.gov/civil/opengovernment</a>.

Thank you for your interest in keeping government open and accountable to the public.

Sincerely,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.

Public Records Officer