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Speaker Michael Madigan 300 State House Springfield, IL 62706

Speaker Madigan,

The Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education endorses Senate Bill 2404, as originally passed by the Senate. Although Senate Bill 2404 calls for sacrifices by SURS participants and annuitants, we believe those sacrifices are reasonable. At the same time, Senate Bill 2404 preserves much of the character of the contractual promises made by the state of Illinois and relied upon by SURS participants and annuitants.

The Faculty Advisory Council consists of representatives from all the public universities, twelve of the community colleges, and twelve of the private universities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Rock, Secretary, Faculty Advisory Council of the Illinois Board of Higher

Education

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