

The State Universities Annuitants Association isn't just for Retirees!

If you have a **STAKE** in Illinois pensions, you need a **STAKE** in **SUAA**!



CURRENT EMPLOYEES NEED SUAA!

This is a decision year for Illinois' Constitution and the Budget! Those of you whose retirements depend on payment of earned returns from state and federal programs are especially alert to talk of getting the State budget balanced and paying the government's debts.

Pension funding and healthcare issues will not diminish! The State of Illinois is in serious financial debt. Your benefits will continue to be a target. You can't afford to sit on the sidelines. It is time to join **SUAA** and be a part of a collective voice at the Capitol! Why now?

Too many members of the media and the legislature are not aware that -

- You are contributing to the SURS' pension plan throughout your working years: 8% of your income before taxes goes straight into the State's pension funds.
- Illinois has repeatedly failed to meet its obligations to support employee pension plans, which is in violation of its own legislated contribution program.
- Those of you who have worked under Social Security as well as SURS are subject to the Windfall Elimination and Pension Offset penalties which sharply reduce the Social Security benefits of anyone who also receives a pension from another program.
- The State Employee Health Plan and the College Insurance Program in Illinois need to be revised in order to assure adequate funding. Both of these programs need to be professionally managed.
- The Illinois Constitution currently protects earned pension benefits. This could change if the voters say YES to a Constitutional Convention in November.

YOU NEED TO HELP PROTECT YOUR PENSION INVESTMENTS

Show your support by investing in **SUAA**!

SUAA advocates on your behalf!

SUAA's actions keep the legislators and policymakers knowledgeable about your issues. **SUAA's** power is related to the number of people represented! Membership matters. Large numbers matter! Your membership and that of your spouse matter! Join SUAA in keeping your pension and benefits in the forefront of the legislators! **Join today!**

Member dues are less than 10 cents per day. "It's worth it." Send your membership form to:

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