



### Legislative Talking Points

Delegates at the 2023 State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) adopted a legislative platform for the coming year (2024). This platform or “legislative action plan” places emphasis on protecting the retirement security for all past, present, and future employees of Illinois’ public universities, community colleges, and their survivors. The key elements of the plan are:

- Opposition to any changes in the Tier I pension plan that would result in reduced benefits for Tier I annuitants.
- Support for legislation that would enhance the current benefits received by Tier II annuitants. This includes increasing the pensionable salary limit, reducing the final time to vesting and salary period, and improving the automatic annual increment and early retirement reduction.
- Support for efforts to address the state’s pension fund liabilities in various ways including re-amortization, pension bond issues, and revenue enhancements, such as expansion of sales tax coverage.
- Monitoring the state’s health care plans to ensure all employees, retirees, and survivors are treated equitably.

The full platform is posted on SUAA’s website [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org) and members are encouraged to log in, hover over the legislation tab and click on Legislative Platform to see SUAA’s legislative plan in greater detail. However, when talking with friends, colleagues, and fellow employees, the above four “talking points” should form the basis of your explanation of what SUAA does legislatively and why it is important. These four points should also underly any discussions with your state legislators.

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