

SUAAction

State Universities Annuity Association Political Action Committee
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Dear SUAA Member:

I need your help. I have written to you each year as the Chair of our SUAAction Board of Directors. Many of you have taken the time to read my appeal for support and contributed to SUAAction. And with all that's at stake, I hope you will again.

Some SUAA members think the battle to protect your pension benefits was won when the Illinois Supreme Court ruled in our favor on the constitutionality of our pensions (Public Act 98-0599).

Others are convinced that there is no effective remedy for the reductions in benefits that have been imposed on Tier 2 participants.

Neither of those things are true.

An aspiring Illinois gubernatorial candidate believes **the constitutional protection of pension benefits can and should be erased**. While his efforts may fail, it will be our support of more reasonable candidates that will prevent such changes from being implemented.

The path to correcting Tier 2 deficiencies is not clear today, but our support for likeminded candidates will ensure that the legislature is composed of representatives who will support that goal, rather than railing for additional draconian cuts to pensions. (continued on back)



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In the last few years, many of our most generous supporters have left this world behind. Increasingly, the responsibility is falling upon many of our new, but not yet retired, members to support the mission of SUAAAction to effectively advocate on SUAA's behalf. In addition to the loss of some of our most generous supporters, the COVID pandemic lead to less financial support as well.

The ultimate consequence of all these factors is that **our financial resources declined by \$50,000 over the past three years**. SUAAAction cannot do the work you need for us to do if we do not reverse this decline.

We need more SUAA members to become SUAAAction contributors and more of our SUAAAction contributors to increase their level of support. If my appeal can motivate both of those changes, we will reverse this recent decline.

And here is what we will do.

This year we need to fund as much local chapter participation at legislator fundraisers as we can. We need for our active members to get to know (especially all the new) legislators and acquaint them with the issues that impassion our members.

We need those members to inform our SUAAAction board and Linda Brookhart of what they have learned from their interactions with their legislators so that we can more effectively direct our campaign contributions toward politicians and political candidates who share our goals.

Many of us feel we have just lived through a "lost year." Your SUAAAction board is depending on your resources to revive our ability to effectively advocate for all SUAA members. Let's make this year count. Use the contribution form on the front page to contribute NOW.

Thanks,
Lou Anderson,
Chair, SUAAAction Board of Directors