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Thomas J. Weisner
Mayor

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Mr. Don McNeil, Chairman
Illinois Pension Modernization Task Force
Governor's Office
State Capitol, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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Dear Mr. McNeil,

It has come to my attention that some members of the Pension Modernization Task Force might be under the impression that I voted against recommending the Task Force report at the November 9, 2009 meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to stress that after having attended several meetings that were characterized as "final" meetings, I was not able to attend or call in to the Task Force meeting schedule for Monday, November 9, 2009. Thus, I took no official position on the report or any other matter decided at that meeting.

I neither requested nor concurred with the idea of letting any other task force member serve as my proxy at the meeting.

While reasonable arguments regarding pension issues were put forward by all parties, the fundamental and overriding issue is the historic and continued underfunding of these pensions by the State.

I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Weisner
Mayor

cc: Pension Modernization Taskforce