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**VIA E-MAIL AND**  
**FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL**  
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Hon. James A. Diossa, General Treasurer  
State of Rhode Island  
Office of the General Treasurer  
82 Smith Street, #102  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: November 30, 2023, Meeting of the Pension Advisory Working Group

Dear General Treasurer Diossa:

This firm represents the Rhode Island Troopers Association (“RITA”). I am writing on behalf of the RITA in response to your letter dated November 10, 2023, inviting the RITA’s President Erik Jensen (“Corporal Jensen”) to testify before the Rhode Island Pension Advisory Working Group which you have convened. While Corporal Jensen and the RITA are appreciative of your invitation, they must respectfully decline it, in consideration of the active pending litigation in the matter of *Rhode Island Troopers Association, et al. v. State of Rhode Island, et al.*, PC-2014-4432 (the “Action”).

The pleadings that have been filed in the Action, all of which are publicly available, set forth in detail the manner in which the RITA and its members have been harmed by, among other things, the State of Rhode Island’s (the “State”) unconstitutional enactment of the Rhode Island Retirement Security Act of 2011 (“RIRSA”). While the RITA strongly believes that it will prevail in the Action, please be advised that it remains open to engaging in constructive dialogue with the State, including through mediation, in an effort to explore the possibility for an amicable resolution of the matters in dispute.

Very truly yours,

  
Scott F. Bielecki

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cc: Katherine Connolly Sadeck, Esq.

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