

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State Capitol

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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December 6, 2017

The Honorable Matthew G. Bevin 700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

As you are aware, the House Republican Caucus is currently in Frankfort for our annual retreat in advance of the 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly. For much of yesterday afternoon and again this morning, the public pension crisis has dominated both formal presentations and informal conversations.

We feel confident the collective will of our caucus is to continue to strive towards finding a solution to this issue that meets all legal requirements, yet will set forth the structural reforms necessary to make the system sustainable for the future.

With that being said, it is the overwhelmingly vocal sentiment of the caucus, as is demonstrated in the attached letter, that they prefer to address this issue during the upcoming Regular Session, rather than in an extraordinary session which you might call.

As the elected leadership members of the House Republican Caucus, we ask that you please read the attached letter and give this consideration as you make your decision on whether to call an extraordinary session before the end of this calendar year.

Please let us stress that we, along with each and every single member of our caucus, understand the severity of the public pension issue. We are fully in agreement that this issue requires and deserves our full attention. We look forward to working together with you as we move forward to finally solve this problem before it becomes unsustainable.

Sincerely,

David Osborne

Speaker Pro Tempore

David Meade

Majority Caucus Chair

Jonathan Shell

Majority Floor Leader

Kevin Bratcher

Majority Whip



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Dear Governor Bevin:

Throughout much of this year, you and our legislative leaders have dedicated much time and attention to Kentucky's looming public pension crisis. We believe these efforts have produced much good work and will provide the General Assembly the framework to finally address this problem before we hit a fiscally unsustainable point.

With that being said, we believe, given that we are already in December and with holiday activities in our communities underway, this is a matter that would best be addressed in the 2018 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, which will begin in a mere 27 days.

As elected officials, we seek to best represent those in our respective districts. We have been soliciting input from our constituents throughout the past several months. We are confident that a solution can be found, but frankly need more time for an actuarial analysis and public input on possible changes to the proposal.

While we realize you alone have the authority to call an extraordinary session of the Kentucky General Assembly, it is with those concerns in mind that we respectfully request that you do not do so for this purpose and, rather, allows to take up the issue when we convene in January.

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