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Coalition of Public Service Workers Unions Responds to Press Reports of Retirement Proposal, "Should be Addressed Across the Table"

Press reports earlier today indicate that Governor M. Jodi Rell has proposed the legislature implement a retirement incentive without the agreement of the coalition of unions representing Connecticut's State public service workers. Union leaders responded, saying the governor should continue meeting with the coalition to craft comprehensive solutions that will preserve public services and avoid worsening the economy, rather than engage in unilateral piecemeal moves that will only put vital services at greater risk.

"We have an understanding that conversations between the parties will happen across the table rather than through the press," said Bob Rinker, Executive Director of CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 in Hartford. "Coalition leadership just met with their representatives last week and agreed to meet again this coming week. Making an end run around the discussions at this time is detrimental to that process, and just makes it harder to produce the kind of solution the people of this state really need."

Leaders of the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) have repeatedly told the Administration that public service workers are anxious to be part of the solution to the state's budget difficulties, provided that solution protects public services and doesn't worsen the economic crisis at the root of the state's fiscal woes.

SEBAC serves to unite approximately 50,000 Connecticut State public service workers to address issues of common concern. To learn more about the coalition's campaign for a fair budget and a livable state with great public services, visit www.InThisTogetherCT.org.

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