

# Michigan State Employees Coalition



Council 25



Local 517M



Local 526 M



Troopers Assoc.



MSEA / Local 5



Local 6000

February 23, 2010

Re: Three percent wage increase for state employees

Dear [Senator or Representative]:

The three percent wage increase for state employees scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2010 was negotiated properly and lawfully at the bargaining table. The three percent increase was, in fact, a bargained tradeoff for a three year contract which included a zero percent increase in the first year, a one percent in the second year and the three percent in the third year, coupled with substantial health plan changes which saved the state millions of dollars in health care costs over the past three years.

In addition, it may be noted that the Coalition unions and the State Employer have addressed the fiscal crisis through the collective bargaining process, and have agreed upon certain well-publicized concessions in an effort to alleviate the state's budget distress.

Sincerely,

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