



October 16, 2023

The Honorable House Speaker Dade Phelan
State Capitol Building
1100 Congress Ave. Room 2W.11
Austin, TX 78768

Dear House Speaker Phelan,

Our organizations, which represent retired State of Texas employees, have urged Gov. Abbott to expand the special session call to include a 13th check for the 122,000 Texans who struggle to live on their Employees Retirement System (ERS) pensions. We are asking for your support on this critical issue as well.

Your support was instrumental during the 87th Legislature in passing Senate Bill 321, which helped stabilize ERS. Now, we hope you will back our efforts to directly help the retirees who dedicated their careers to making Texas the best state to live, work, and do business. We have attached our letter to Gov. Abbott as background and are available to answer any questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

Lt. Richard Jankovsky, **Department of Public Safety Officers Association**

Lt. Billy Shelton, **Texas State Troopers Association**

Jeff Ormsby, **AFSCME Texas Correctional Employees Council**

Larry Young, **Texas Game Warden Peace Officers Association**

Bill Hamilton, **Retired State Employees Association**

Joe "Dan" Maxwell, **Texas Public Employees Association, Retirees Chapter**

Luther Elmore, **AFSCME Texas Retirees**

Judy Lugo, **Texas State Employees Union**