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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

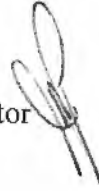
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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and Town Officials
FROM: John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director
RE: New Pension Fraud Poster
DATE: December 10, 2019



In accordance with statutory requirements, the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) maintains a toll-free hotline for the reporting of suspected fraudulent public pension claims, payments, falsified records and affidavits.

The hotline number is 1-800-445-3266. All messages are kept confidential.

Since 1998, PERAC has promoted the hotline through poster campaigns built around various slogans: "This Is A Losing Hand"; "Pension Fraud Is Stealing"; "Pension Fraud! Let's Cut it Out!"; "Stop Pension Fraud. It is not a Game"; and "One Bad Apple Can Spoil the Whole Bunch."

This year's campaign is "Blow the Whistle on Pension Fraud." The poster prominently features our hotline as well as our email address for reporting any suspected fraud. Since we first introduced the email address, PensionFraud@per.state.ma.us, it has remained a popular means of communication for reporting suspected fraud.

We are enclosing a poster for your use. Please display it in your office or another location in your building that provides maximum visibility. We have also enclosed a copy of a brochure that informs readers about the PERAC Fraud Prevention Unit and provides some details about various types of pension fraud.

A "Referral Report of Potential Fraud" form is enclosed as well. These forms are also available at your respective retirement board office for anyone wishing to report suspected pension fraud. If you would like to make this form available to the public, please feel free to make additional copies as needed.

For additional copies of the poster, brochure, or form, please feel free to contact our Communications Director, Natacha Dunker, at 617-666-4446, extension 970 or at nadunker@per.state.ma.us.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this endeavor.

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