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On Behalf Of:

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Honorable Chair Senator Meek and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I have not been a PERS employee for several years, but our household still benefits financially from PERS through my wife's decades of service as an educator, both through teaching and administration. I have a very personal stake in robust investment strategies of PERS management. That stake, however, does not outweigh my interest in leaving the safest, most sustainably healthy planet possible for our children and growing number of grandchildren. Planet warming is real, and carbon emissions' role in that warming is beyond honest scientific debate, I believe. I also believe we have a sacred obligation not to contribute to the planet warming at the root of the undeniable climate change.

In the same way that I believe eligible voters who decline to vote forfeit their right to complain about election results, I believe those who choose to do nothing about dangerous carbon emissions forfeit their right to complain about the results of climate change. Please do all you can, including supporting the Pause Act before you to help pass a safe and sustainable climate on to our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for your consideration -

David O. Wilson