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Requests Informal Meeting Forum

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Finance Committee Special Retirement Subcommittee

FROM: Carlton B. Washington, Executive Director
South Carolina State Employees Association

DATE: December 27, 2011

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