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May 3, 2013

Senator Kevin O'Toole NJ State Senate 155 Route 46 West, Ste. 108 Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Dear Senator O'Toole:

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As more baby boomers retire and we deal with the impact of superintendent salary caps, it would be very short sighted to approve A-3523. In the short term, interims are a cost savings to school districts; i.e., no benefits, no pension obligation for the State of NJ, per diem pay and they serve a real and important service.

Finally, there are other public employees/servants at the state, county and local levels who have returned from public employment capacities earning salaries in addition to their pensions from their previous careers. Why is it just school personnel are impacted by this proposed legislation?

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Assemblyman D. Russo NJ State Assembly 22 Paterson Avenue Midland Park, NJ 07432

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Assemblywoman Connie Wagner NJ State Assembly 205 Robin Road, Ste. 216 Paramus, New Jersey 07652

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