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Dear Union Leaders:

We are writing to share our strong support for Governor Dannel P. Malloy's request for the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) to come to the negotiation table with the state to discuss pension and health care benefit changes. As you know, SEBAC has said they are not authorized to negotiate health care and pensions on your behalf, although that is exactly what they were created to do to avoid piecemeal negotiations. Therefore, we are reaching out to you all directly. We ask that you act in the best interests of the thousands of employees you represent and come to the table immediately to begin discussions with the governor as requested. By not meeting with the governor, you would be guaranteeing unnecessary layoffs for thousands of employees who depend upon their paychecks and benefits to provide for their families.

Clearly, if you do not come to the negotiation table, the governor has indicated that he believes he will have no choice but to pursue future layoffs. You owe it to the workers you represent to meet with the governor and take every opportunity in your power to prevent layoffs, after all it would only cost a couple hours of time.

We urge you to meet with the governor immediately as requested.

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