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Your recent article, "Proposed solutions could be costly, unpopular locally" and "Ohio pensions: Time bomb for state, local governments," quoted different public officials as stating that the Highway Patrol Retirement System is asking for additional employer contributions. In fact, last fall, HPRS submitted a comprehensive solvency plan to the Ohio Retirement Study Council that proposed both member contribution increases and reduced benefits, but not a penny more from taxpayers. As our great state suffers through an unprecedented budget crisis, the active members and retirees of the State Highway Patrol have demonstrated selflessness, solidarity, and resolve in order to maintain the strength of the retirement system for future generations to come.

We continue to advocate for pension reform legislation that will serve as a model of retirement security for all Ohioans, not just public employees.

Sincerely,

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