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Seattle City Council
P.O. Box 34025
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Dear Councilmember,

I am writing on behalf of Seattle Fire Fighters to voice our strong opposition to CB 121319: An ordinance relating to the Firefighters' Pension Fund repealing Ordinance 117216.

As part of the City's 2027-28 budget, the Mayor has proposed the elimination of the actuarial account created by Ordinances 117216 and 118814 and the transfer of all funds in it to the statutory pension fund.

In addition, we oppose the $10 million transfer from the Actuarial Account to the General Fund as proposed by the Mayor, and the $22 million transfer from the Actuarial Account to the General Fund as proposed in the chair's Balancing Package.

It is important to note that to fund the approximately $75 million in new spending being added to the 2027-28 Chair's package $22 million is being taken from the Firefighters Pension Actuarial Fund.

We believe that it is fiscally irresponsible, and just plain wrong, to use dedicated pension reserves for non-pension purposes. These pension reserves have been legally dedicated to the retired fire fighters who have served this community and many of the current recipients are their widows.

Seattle Fire Fighters never forget, and our City should never forget the promises made to those who served.

We respectfully ask that you maintain the commitment made by Ordinances 117216 and 118814 to our retired fire fighters.

Sincerely,

Kenny Stuart
President, Seattle Fire Fighters Union
IAFF Local 27
Lieutenant, Ladder 8 Seattle Fire Department

CC: Mayor Wilson