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From: Robert Burns <robert@auctionsellsfast.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 12:13 PM
To: C.B. Forgotston
Subject: Re: Do the RIGHT Thing.....Litigate Act 859 of the 2014 LA Legislative Session

You're most welcome, C. B., and I'll have any video(s) added to that page and available to you and Tom later within an hour or so (I live five minutes from their office). I'm sure you read Tom's post yesterday wherein the 7/16 videos got under the skin of Capt. Jason Starnes.

Thanks for your dedication too, C. B., and you have an enjoyable weekend.

Robert

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 1, 2014, at 11:55 AM, "C.B. Forgotston" <cb@forgotston.com> wrote:

Great letter, Robert!

Glad you will be there with the camera rolling. It's very unlikely any of the paid media will be.

Thank you.

C.B.

At 11:47 AM 8/1/2014, you wrote:

LSPRB Members:

I understand you will meet early next week, and I look forward to again joining you and providing same-day internet video coverage to be added to the webpage devoted to covering this episode (http://www.auctioneer-la.org/Kennedy_LSP.htm).

As was pointed out by your attorney at the last meeting, you guys are the fiduciary agents of the LSP retirement system. As such, you have an obligation to protect not only the LSP retirees who, through an adverse impact to the LSP's experience account resulting from Act 859, would see their potential for a COLA (already very small in my opinion due to the ever-escalating UAL) diminished, but also to the taxpayers of Louisiana.

I firmly believe failure of your Board to vote to litigate this matter opens the State of Louisiana up to class action lawsuits by members of other State retirement systems who sue for the same treatment which has been afforded two individuals in the present case. Secondly, I think failure to file a lawsuit on

your own will inevitably result in a “taxpayer at large” filing suit, and arguing that he or she doesn’t have standing (due to taxpayer funds being required, though not advanced in years) would be next to impossible.

As C. B. Fortgotston has argued (and I believe correctly so), a “first-year law student could win the case.” Under that scenario (“taxpayer at large” filing suit), the law is still declared unconstitutional by a judge, yet you guys end up looking complicit in a corrupt practice, receive a barrage of negative publicity after next week’s meeting, and end up continuing to perpetuate Louisiana’s reputation for corruption and a state where political insiders routinely receive preferential treatment.

Having relayed the foregoing, it’s my sincere hope and desire that you guys will do the RIGHT thing and vote to litigate Act 859 of the Louisiana Legislative 2014 session to have the law declared unconstitutional and resolve the whole issue once and for all and render impossible Col Edmondson’s ability to have a convenient change of his mind in the weeks prior to his retirement (to say nothing of the other trooper who, to my knowledge hasn’t even made a non-binding statement that he won’t accept the increased benefit).

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you all again early next week.

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