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**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** support of rulemaking to reduce "pay to play"

To Whom it May Concern:

As a taxpayer and small business owner, I write in support of proposed amendments to create "Article 14. Prohibitions on Certain Campaign Contributions." Even the appearance of "pay to play" can have a detrimental effect on CalSTRS, its members and taxpayers. Your proposed rules would go a long way in reducing possible conflicts of interest.

I suggest you amend the rules to further reduce such conflicts by prohibiting ALL contributions which exceed \$1,000 to board members and board candidates. Those who attack public pension funds often do so, arguing that "few politicians want to confront the powerful public employee unions," in the words of former Assembly member Keith Richman. Let's not give such give such critics any reason to doubt the basis of decisions by CalSTRS board members.

Sincerely,

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