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Washington, DC 20548

July 5, 2016

Congressional Requesters

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the investment decisions of the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund since it has operated under a 1982 federal court ordered consent decree. Close to the time we received your letter, we received a similar request from Ranking Member Sherrod Brown, Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy, Senate Committee on Finance, and other Senators.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. As discussed with Ms. Jenny Perrino of Representative Marcy Kaptur's staff, we plan to combine the House and Senate requests into one engagement. The requests have been assigned to Ms. Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Ms. Bovbjerg or a member of her team will contact your office to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bovbjerg at 202-512-5491 or bovbjergb@gao.gov, or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-7176 or lewisd@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katherine Siggerud'.

Katherine Siggerud
Managing Director
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Attachment

Attachment: List of Requesters

The Honorable John Conyers
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
House of Representatives

The Honorable Cheri Bustos
House of Representatives

The Honorable Tim Ryan
House of Representatives

The Honorable Joyce Beatty
House of Representatives

The Honorable Richard M. Nolan
House of Representatives

The Honorable Brenda L. Lawrence
House of Representatives

The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano
House of Representatives

The Honorable Michael E. Capuano
House of Representatives

The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
House of Representatives

The Honorable Gwen Moore
House of Representatives

The Honorable Berry McCollum
House of Representatives

The Honorable Patrick Murphy
House of Representatives

The Honorable Daniel T. Kildee
House of Representatives

The Honorable Ted Lieu
House of Representatives

The Honorable André Carson
House of Representatives

The Honorable Alma Adams
House of Representatives

The Honorable Janice Schakowsky
House of Representatives

The Honorable Brian Higgins
House of Representatives

The Honorable Wm. Lacy Clay
House of Representatives

The Honorable Ruben Gallego
House of Representatives

The Honorable Mark Pocan
House of Representatives

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver
House of Representatives

The Honorable Jim Costa
House of Representatives

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
House of Representatives

The Honorable Cedric Richmond
House of Representatives

The Honorable Collin C. Peterson
House of Representatives

The Honorable Stephen F. Lynch
House of Representatives

The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
House of Representatives

The Honorable Danny K. Davis
House of Representatives

The Honorable James McGovern
House of Representatives

The Honorable Peter J. Visclosky
House of Representatives

The Honorable Mike Quigley
House of Representatives

The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge
House of Representatives

The Honorable Alan Grayson
House of Representatives

The Honorable David Loebsack
House of Representatives

The Honorable Ron Kind
House of Representatives

The Honorable Gene Green
House of Representatives

The Honorable Adam Smith
House of Representatives

The Honorable Steve Cohen
House of Representatives

The Honorable John A. Yarmuth
House of Representatives