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Monday, December 04, 2006

To: Assemblywoman Lupardo
From: Kathy D’Arminio
Re: Leave Accruals due to Flood Disaster

First, I would like to thank you for **your** intervention in obtaining the restoration of the leave accruals for the time that our members were asked to utilize after they were ordered to vacate the Glendale facility on Wednesday, June 28th. Since this time, we have been working at the local level and also at PEF headquarters to have the leave accruals restored for all of our members for June 28th-June30th. Several of the agencies in your region, including OTDA, have submitted a request to Civil Service **requesting a waiver of the time and attendance rules for Wednesday, June 28th-Friday, June 30th**. This will restore our members/employees leave accruals that were utilized during this flood disaster. As you know, it was **unsafe** for travel on these days due to the devastation caused by the flooding. These employees were not able to find a way to work due to hazardous conditions caused by these raging waters. Some of our members who were searching for a safe route were instructed by law enforcement to return home.

I know that you are very aware of the disaster that this area has encountered and the devastation that **continues** to be rebuilt. What I would like to see is a timely resolution regarding this matter and **not** for it to be tied up in **grievances for months**.

It is my understanding the Civil Service is meeting on **December 14, 2006**. I am asking for your assistance for a decision that will favor our membership by sending a letter to Civil Service and GOER requesting that they **waive the time and attendance rules for Wednesday, June 28th-Friday, June 30th**.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this matter. I can be reached best at 607-727-1257. I would like to **thank you** in advance for your assistance in this matter.

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