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Senate Bill 748 – Correctional Officers' Retirement System - Allegany County

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Dear Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express strong support for Senate Bill 748, Correctional Officers' Retirement System – Allegany County. This legislation ensures that local detention center officers in Allegany County will have mandatory membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System should the county become a participating governmental unit. By aligning these officers with the specialized retirement system designed for correctional professionals, the bill recognizes the unique demands and risks inherent in their roles and provides equitable retirement benefits that reflect their service and sacrifice.

Furthermore, SB 748 offers a clear and fair process for transferring service credit from the Employees' Pension System to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, ensuring continuity and security for affected employees. This measure strengthens workforce stability, supports recruitment and retention of qualified correctional officers, and promotes fiscal responsibility by establishing a uniform framework for participation and asset transfer.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay
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