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January 8, 2026

Mr. Travis W. Almond  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Retirement System  
222 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-1098

**Re: South Dakota 2026 Legislative Session – Senate Bill 51**

Dear Travis:

Senate Bill 51 clarifies processes and deadlines for contesting actions of the South Dakota Retirement System.

Senate Bill 51 does not impact the benefits paid from SDRS and will have no material impact on the liabilities or assets of SDRS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Fiddler".

Douglas J. Fiddler, A.S.A., E.A., M.A.A.A., F.C.A.  
Senior Actuary

c:      Mr. John Richter, SDRS  
          Ms. Michelle Mikkelsen, SDRS