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Dear Mark

Thank you for providing the Oregon University System Office of Government Relations a copy of the January 13, 2004 opinion by Bennett, Hartman, Morris and Kaplan on the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP).

Unfortunately, this office does not have the authority to discuss the provisions of the letter, the opinions contained within or any potential litigation subsequently filed. Your office may want to provide a copy of this letter directly to Ben Rawlins, Oregon University System General Counsel.

As you know the Oregon University System Office of Government Relations has initiated a workgroup to address possible legislative remedies to the current problems with regard to the ORP rates. That workgroup, consisting of members of the American Association of University Professors, the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate, Oregon University System, TIAA-CREF, VALIC and the Association of Oregon Faculties had its initial meeting on January 9, 2004. In deference to the other members of this workgroup, our work will continue toward a possible legislative remedy throughout the coming months. Thank you for your participation in that effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Zavala".

Lisa Zavala
Associate Director of Government Relations
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C: Ben Rawlins, General Counsel