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**CORRESPONDENCE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** August 28, 2009  
**TO:** Employee Trust Funds Board  
**FROM:** Matt Stohr, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Communications, and Quality Assurance  
**SUBJECT:** Member Correspondence

**This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.**

Please find enclosed a sampling of member correspondence (letters and e-mails) that the Department has received from Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) members since the June Board meeting. Note that the first letter is specially addressed to the Board. The Department's responses precede the member's letter in the enclosed packet.

The most common correspondence themes were the Department's decision to discontinue paper check service for retirees and the tax table changes brought about the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

As you will see, many WRS members contact their state representative or senator, the Governor, and/or their United States representative or senator about WRS issues. Since the June meeting, the Department has received 35 member contacts through the Governor's office and legislators. All of these contacts have been responded to and addressed. Again, the common themes in these types of contacts were similar to the member contacts made directly to the Department. In addition, many inactive WRS members have contacted their legislators regarding WRS separation benefits.

I will be available at the September meeting to answer any questions you may have.

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