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SAMPLE PERS MEMBER  
ADDRESS  
ANYWHERE, XX 00000-0000

RIN: 000000000

DATE, 2022

**NOTICE TO FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON THE RIGHT TO SEEK REINSTATEMENT IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**

Dear PERS FORMER MEMBER:

Our records indicate that you were a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) at some period-of-time between January 1, 1961, and July 27, 2005, or before Tier IV status came into effect on July 1, 2006, and you left PERS qualifying employment, took a refund of your retirement contributions to PERS, and did not return to PERS qualifying employment before June 30, 2010.

**NOTICE:** This notice contains important information regarding your right to seek reinstatement of your credited service and former PERS tier status upon reemployment in an Alaska PERS-eligible position.

Based on a decision of the Alaska Supreme Court,<sup>1</sup> a repeal of the statutory provision allowing former PERS members to reinstate their prior PERS service and former tier status has been ruled unconstitutional.

Accordingly, since you are a former member under the defined benefit PERS plan, should you become reemployed in a PERS-eligible position, you will be allowed to make a one-time irrevocable election to reinstate your prior PERS service and former tier status by repaying your refunded contributions (plus interest) or to enroll into the defined contribution (DCR) plan under Tier IV status.

**If you have no desire or intention to reemploy in an Alaska PERS eligible position, there is nothing you need to do.**

If you return to eligible employment and elect to reinstate your prior PERS service, your credited service and former PERS tier status will be reinstated, and an indebtedness will be set up for the total amount of

<sup>1</sup> *Metcalf v. State*, 484 P.3d 93 (Alaska 2021).

your refunded contributions plus the interest that accrued from the date of the refund and the date of your repayment. You may establish a payment plan to reinstate into your prior defined benefit plan. Payments shall apply first to the accrued interest and then to your principal.

For more information, please visit: [drb.alaska.gov/news/2021/0921-alaskasupremecourt.html](http://drb.alaska.gov/news/2021/0921-alaskasupremecourt.html). If you have any questions or do not have access to the Internet, please feel free to contact our office toll-free at (800) 821-2251, in Juneau at (907) 465-4460, or by email at [doa.drb.mscc@alaska.gov](mailto:doa.drb.mscc@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ajay Desai". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ajay Desai  
Director  
Division of Retirement and Benefits

