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The Honorable Horacena Tate
110-C State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

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Dear Senator Tate:

Educational District 3

Mrs. Cecily Harsch-Kinnane

On March 9, 2009, the Senate read and referred House Bill 63 to the Finance Committee. I understand that a substitute bill has been proposed which added language to make the new Redevelopment Powers Law retroactively applicable to local boards of education that voted to participate in a tax allocation district and pledged the use of their tax revenues.

Educational District 4

Mrs. Kathleen B. Pattillo

Educational District 5

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On behalf of the Atlanta Board of Education and the Atlanta Independent School System, the inclusion of the retroactive language would have an adverse fiscal impact on APS of approximately \$18 million. Maintaining that language in the substitute bill may also expose APS to litigation contesting the legal appropriateness of retroactivity.

Educational District 6

Ms. Yolanda K. Johnson

At Large (Seat 7)

Mr. Eric W. Wilson

I urge you and the Atlanta Senate delegation to work for removal of the retroactivity language in the Senate substitute for House Bill 63. If those efforts are not successful, I urge you and the delegation to vote against the substitute bill.

At Large (Seat 8)

Mr. Mark B. Riley

At Large (Seat 9)

Mr. Emmett D. Johnson

Thank you for your assistance.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Howard W. Grant, Ph.D.

Sincerely,

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Beverly L. Hall, Ed. D.

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LaChandra Butler Burks, Chair

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