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To: ORTA Chapter Presidents & Legislative Chairs
From: Carol Kinsey, ORTA Legislative Chair *CK*
Ann Hanning, ORTA Executive Director *ah*
Date: May 12, 2015
Re: Legislative Reports

Please review the ORTA 2015 Legislative Guidelines. These are posted on the ORTA website. We are also attaching a copy for your quick reference. The legislative committee reviews the Guidelines each year and these Guidelines are presented to the ORTA board at the Fall meeting for approval.

ORTA does take positions on state and federal issues related to retirees, pension systems (STRS), charter schools, and social security, including mandatory social security and GPO/WEP. We may also take a position on some select budget items (ie. those addressing contributions to STRS) and some education issues. Please check the updates posted on the ORTA website for issues ORTA is currently involved in lobbying and monitoring. We do not take positions on education bills such as a requirement to teach cursive writing in the elementary schools or testing. While many ORTA members may have personal positions or preferences for some issues, ORTA and its chapters cannot use ORTA or its chapter affiliates' names to promote these issues. These issues could include abortion (HB 69, the heart beat bill), same sex marriage, or gun control to name a few.

Contact Carol Kinsey (cskinsey@aol.com) or Ann Hanning (ahanning@orta.org),
If you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Thank you for your efforts and support of ORTA and our mission to accomplish and maintain the best for our retirees.