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The Budget Process Continues - Budget Conference Committee

[H 966 -2019 Appropriations Act](#). Little progress has been made by the House and Senate to resolve their budget differences. The scenarios for passing a budget vary widely. The most optimistic of which is that the House and Senate will iron out their differences by the end of next week. We are not holding our breath.

We wait, but not idly.

State and Local Retiree COLAs

Our legislative team has been busy going to all member offices urging legislators to provide a COLA for local and state retirees. Many legislators and legislative assistants have commented on the number of calls and emails they have received. We are often met with the phrase “are you here about the COLA”. Your calls and emails are working and the members of the General Assembly will be getting more calls in the coming week.

On Wednesday an NCRGEA post card urging our members to call the Governor, the Senate President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House was mailed to all members (63,000). Members should be receiving their post cards over the next several days. Calls to the Governor and legislative leaders should pick up and peak early next week.

It is time to tell them they have ignored local and state retirees - for too long!

Thank you for your calls to legislators.

Stay Tuned!!

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