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Bruce Rauner
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VIA E-MAIL

Governor Rauner:

In recent days, in media interviews and on Twitter, you have made favorable comments about finally paying the back wages wrongly withheld from and owed to some 24,000 state employees since 2011.

As you know, for nearly seven years, AFSCME members have been working to secure payment of this, the state's oldest unpaid bill, owed to working people who care for individuals with mental illnesses and developmental disabilities, ensure safe prisons, help struggling families, protect public health, maintain state parks and more.

We are glad that you have now joined in supporting payment of the monies owed and recognize that employees have waited far too long for justice. Accordingly, we are calling on you to immediately direct your agencies to prepare vouchers for the full amount of back wages owed to employees both active and retired, and to promptly remit these vouchers to the comptroller's office so that employees can be paid as soon as possible.

Roberta Lynch
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