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General Assembly Retirement System of Illinois 2101 S. Veterans Parkway Springfield, IL 62704

To The General Assembly Retirement System of Illinois:

Good afternoon. I am honored to have been selected to serve as Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of the Illinois State Board of Investment ("ISBI") effective June 29, 2018. As an eleven-year veteran at ISBI, I have held various positions including Portfolio Officer, Portfolio Manager, and Deputy Executive Director – Investments. It is a tremendous responsibility to manage the retirement assets for the beneficiaries of ISBI, and I appreciate the vote of confidence.

Please feel free to reach out to me using the contact information outlined below:

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I hope to be in touch with you or a member of your office in the near future. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Johara F. Farhadieh

Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer