

## Charlie Wishman

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**From:** AFSCME Iowa Council 61 [cwishman@afscmeiowa.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 6:42 PM  
**To:** Charlie Wishman  
**Subject:** Thank the Iowa Senate State Government Committee for Passing Early Retirement

Charlie Wishman:

Today, we just jumped one major hurdle to passing an early retirement plan for state workers. This afternoon, the Iowa Senate State Government Committee passed the Early Retirement Bill ([SSB 3002](#)) by a vote of 10-5.

Its very important that we keep up our momentum to make sure we pass a strong early retirement bill. We need to let these Senators know how much we appreciate their support. And if a Senator voted against the bill, we need to tell them why Early Retirement for State Employees is an important thing.

### **VOTING "YES"**

Sen. Staci Appel ([staci.appel@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:staci.appel@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Jack Kibbie ([john.kibbie@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:john.kibbie@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Dennis Black ([dennis.black@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:dennis.black@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Tom Courtney ([thomas.courtney@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:thomas.courtney@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Jeff Danielson ([jeff.danielson@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:jeff.danielson@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Dick Dearden ([dick.dearden@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:dick.dearden@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Jack Hatch ([jack.hatch@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:jack.hatch@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Wally Horn ([wally.horn@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:wally.horn@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Pam Jochum ([Pam.Jochum@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:Pam.Jochum@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Steve Soddors ([steve.soddors@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:steve.soddors@legis.state.ia.us))

### **VOTING "NO"**

Sen. Randy Feenstra ([randy.feenstra@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:randy.feenstra@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Jerry Behn ([jerry.behn@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:jerry.behn@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. David Hartsuch ([david.hartsuch@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:david.hartsuch@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. James Seymour ([james.seymour@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:james.seymour@legis.state.ia.us))  
Sen. Ron Wieck ([ron.wieck@legis.state.ia.us](mailto:ron.wieck@legis.state.ia.us))

You can also call them by writing a note to them, or call them at the Iowa Legislature Switchboard at 515-281-3371.

Remember, if someone voted "Yes" we need to thank them for their support. If someone voted NO, let them know how why they should have voted for the bill. Here are some messages you can use:

**It is a fact that younger workers cost less money to the state's payroll because they start at a lower wage rate. By allowing those older workers who want to retire to have that option, we're saving the state money and saving jobs. It is always better to let someone retire instead of laying people off.**

**This is a long term cost cutting strategy as well - we'll see immediate savings in the short term that will avoid painful cuts and job losses, but we'll also realize savings for years to come.**

We know we have a long road ahead with Early Retirement as well as our other legislative priorities. We appreciate all that you do for this Union. Thank you for your activism.

**Remember, do not use your state email address or state telephone to make these contacts!**

As always please be courteous and give him a chance to explain why voted against the bill. Politely remind them of the sacrifices you have made, you are doing more with less and the work that you do each and every day for Iowa citizens. Also, please let us know what you heard by emailing us at [cwishman@afscmeiowa.org](mailto:cwishman@afscmeiowa.org). Thanks for taking action!

In Solidarity,

Danny Homan  
President, AFSCME Iowa Council 61

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