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The Honorable Louis DiPalma  
Chair, Senate Committee on Finance  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

***Re: Support for S3252 — Relating to Central Falls Pension Plan***

Dear Chair DiPalma and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Finance,

On behalf of the City of Central Falls, I write in strong support of S3252, legislation that would amend R.I. Gen. Laws § 45-21.4-2 relating to the Central Falls Pension Plan and provide fairer pension treatment for active Central Falls police officers and firefighters.

The City of Central Falls depends every day on the dedicated service of its police officers and firefighters. These men and women protect the public safety, health, and welfare of our residents, and they have continued to serve this community through significant financial and institutional transition. S3252 recognizes that service and updates the applicable pension framework in a responsible and negotiated manner.

This legislation is consistent with police and fire collective bargaining agreements negotiated by my administration and approved by the Central Falls City Council. Specifically, S3252 would provide that, on and after July 1, 2026, active members of the Central Falls Pension Plan would be subject to the pension plan provisions set forth in the respective collective bargaining agreements in effect on July 1, 2026.

I support this legislation because it provides a fair, current, and locally supported approach for active public safety employees who have remained committed to the City. S3252 respects the collective bargaining process, reflects the City's approved agreements with its police and fire unions, and appropriately modernizes the statutory treatment of these active members. I am also attaching a City Council Resolution in support of this legislation which passed unanimously.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Maria Rivera  
Mayor

Cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

Enclosure