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TO: Joint Select Committee on Pensions
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Dave Senn, Executive Director, TRS
Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, MPERA

FROM: Eric Feaver, President, MEA-MFT

RE: Gary Buchanan Memo, February 2013

Recently you received a memo from Gary Buchanan wherein at one point he stated: "My main reason for writing the column and accepting the committee's invitation was to defend the PEW Center of the States report on our pension system. It shouldn't need defending but the slanderous attack led by MEA [sic] and its coalition in recent letters to the press equating PEW to the American Tradition Partnership as a conspiracy are embarrassing to our state."

Just for the record, at no time has MEA-MFT or any of our "coalition" members in any forum anywhere equated "PEW to the American Tradition Partnership" nor suggested the two were united in "a conspiracy" of any sort.

The only thing "embarrassing to our state" here is Buchanan's overt confusion with the facts.

cc: Gary Buchanan