



## Senate Committee on **Deficit Reduction**

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Senator Donne Trotter & Senator Matt Murphy Co-Chairs

Senators Donne Trotter and Matt Murphy, Co-Chairs of the Senate Committee on Deficit Reduction, invite the public to submit written testimony covering aspects of the estimated budget deficit and revenue shortfall as it relates to Pension Systems & State Government.

On Tuesday, March 17, 2009 the Committee will convene to hear oral testimony from invited guests at 9 a.m. in Room 212 of the Capitol Building. The hearing will cover aspects of the estimated budget deficit and revenue shortfall incorporating various perspectives.

The public is welcome to submit testimony answering the following questions:

1. What areas of the state budget are you interested in protecting and why are those areas important?
2. What revenue enhancements would you recommend be implemented to support those areas?
3. What suggestions can be provided to reduce the State's short-term and long-term pension costs?
4. Are reforms of pension benefits for newly hired State employees warranted to lower the State's long-term pension costs? Do you support such reforms?
5. Are increased contributions from current pension system members warranted? Do you support increased pension contributions from current members?

For more information on these and future committee hearings visit [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov). To submit written testimony email committee staff at [rholmes@senatedem.ilga.gov](mailto:rholmes@senatedem.ilga.gov).

Yours in Service,

Handwritten signature of Senator Donne E. Trotter in black ink.

Senator Donne Trotter  
Majority Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Senator Matt Murphy in black ink.

Senator Matt Murphy  
Minority Co-Chair