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Dear Retiree:

We hope you are enjoying the great weather this summer!

We are writing this letter to inform you of a recent decision by our governing agency, PERAC, regarding the annual affidavits. PERAC has determined that the annual affidavits are no longer required.

What does this mean for our retirees? We will no longer be mailing out the annual affidavits in July and notary stamps are no longer required. You will not receive an annual affidavit in 2024.

What actions will the retirement board take in the future to confirm a retiree's status to collect their pension? Starting in July 2025 the Berkshire County Retirement Board will mail each retiree a verification letter. The verification letter will contain your current contact information and beneficiary information. You will be required to sign and return the letter to confirm that the information is correct.

The retiree verification letters will be mailed every other year starting in 2025. Retirees are always welcome to contact our office and report any changes in address, bank accounts or beneficiaries.

We believe this is a welcome change, as retirees will no longer be required to secure a notary signature for the annual affidavits.

If you require any additional information or have any further questions, please call our office at (413) 499-1981.

Sincerely yours,

Sheila LaBarbera, Executive Director  
Berkshire County Retirement Board