February 27, 2015

Dear Retiree,

I write to correct some serious misinformation currently circulating among the University System of Georgia (USG) community. In a story dated February 25, an Athens publication reported that USG retirees were losing their health benefits. That is false.

Medicare eligible retiree healthcare coverage is changing beginning January 1, 2016. But that change is only to the way in which healthcare coverage is provided; we remain committed to providing a similar level of coverage to USG retirees. Information about that change is attached.

Again, the USG is committed to providing a valuable, sustainable retiree healthcare benefit for current and future retirees. Retirees are a vital part of the institution’s community and an important part of our legacy.

Informational sessions will be scheduled over the next few months, and you will receive an invitation to attend to hear about these changes and ask questions.

I look forward to providing additional information over the coming months.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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