

IPERS Questions for Legislative Forums

- 1) IPERS provides \$1.7 billion in benefits to lowans, which is money spent in our local communities. IPERS promotes economic growth and jobs, and contributes to a stronger local economy. **Do you support the \$1.7 billion in economic growth in Iowa that IPERS provides?**

- 2) There are 350,000 members of IPERS not including spouses, children, and other relatives. The number of families positively affected by IPERS is over 1.5 million. That's almost half the population of our state. **Would you vote to put the livelihood of so many lowans at risk?**

- 3) Almost 18,000 jobs are supported by the pension benefits delivered by IPERS. What other industry supports that many jobs in Iowa? **Will you commit to keeping our local communities strong by protecting IPERS?**

- 4) IPERS affects more lowans, creates more jobs, and generates more income in all 99 Iowa counties than any other industry in our state. Opponents are once again targeting public sector employees for political reasons. IPERS is too important to the economy of our state to change it for political reasons. **Will you commit to not changing IPERS?**

- 5) There are no sound financial reasons to change IPERS –to say otherwise is irresponsible and untrue. The only alternative to IPERS being pushed right now is a 401(k) that would increase the liability of IPERS by between \$14 and \$20 billion. **Will you commit to not making these fiscally irresponsible changes to IPERS that will unnecessarily increase the costs of the system? OR Do you oppose any legislation like Senate File 45 that would turn IPERS into a defined contribution plan?**