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**Teachers' Leader to Tell State Commission:
Keep the Promise of Health Care to Retired Teachers**

On Friday, July 27, California Federation of Teachers (CFT) President Marty Hittelman will tell the governor's Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission meeting in La Jolla that teacher and other school employee post-employment health care benefits have been hard-earned and should not be cut on the basis of mass hysteria.

"For retired teachers and other educational workers, the thought of losing their health insurance coverage is terrifying. It also makes them mad. Health insurance coverage in retirement is deferred compensation; like a pension, it comes from having put aside a portion of salary for the proverbial rainy day," said Hittelman. "School and college administrators shouldn't be panicked into cutting teachers' health care, or diverting scarce funds from present educational needs. Doing so would harm students and school employees, and break a promise made to retirees."

WHEN:	Friday, July 27, 2007 at 1:00 PM
WHAT:	Governor's Public Employee Benefits Commission meeting
WHO:	Marty Hittelman, president, CFT
WHERE:	University of California, San Diego Student Services Center, Multi-Purpose Room (107 University Center) 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla

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