

Some YSURA members have reported that they recently received a letter from a group called Protect Ohio Pensions (POP-5). The letter identifies the organization as a protector of Ohio's public employee pension plans and invites retirees to join for an annual fee. YSURA Board members have discussed the need for this group and any benefit of joining. Our position is that the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA), Public Employee Retirees, Inc. (PERI), and the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) are long-established groups which do a good job of advocating for public employees and that POP-5 is an unproven duplication of their efforts which is not needed.