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Giving
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Dear friends,

As the Director and Statutory Chair of the 2022 State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA), it is my honor to introduce the theme of this year's campaign: "Giving Hope." Public employees have long been involved members of their communities and generous donors to charities. As we continue to recover from the challenges of recent years, this year we're focused on hope for a brighter future.

I have hope because I have seen you use your resources to address homelessness, help those living with disabilities, give support to the elderly and children, help shelter pets find homes, and so much more.

I've seen it in the generous gestures and gifts, big and small, made each day by state workers. And this year, it's needed as much as ever. You can continue to share your generosity through SECA by financially supporting one or more charities that are important to you. It's as simple as signing up and committing a few dollars to be automatically deducted from your paycheck.

There are more than 1,300 charities to choose from. These organizations provide hope to those in need. And with SECA and the power of combined giving, you too can provide hope to those who need it most. I hope you will find it in your heart to join other Illinois state and university employees in supporting this worthy endeavor. Local, state, and national charities could all use your support.

No gift is too small to make a difference. To those of you who have contributed to a SECA drive in the past, thank you. And to those of you who will be participating for the first time in this year's drive, welcome and thank you for your generosity and for keeping hope alive and well.

Sincerely,

Susana A. Mendoza
Illinois State Comptroller
SECA Director and Statutory Chair